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150,000 tons of rubbish is up in flames



The scene of a fire at AB Services Waste Ltd, based in Cemetery Road, Darlaston.

More than 65 firefighters tackled a blaze involving around 150,000 tons of household waste at a recycling plant in Darlaston. The mound of waste went up in flames at AB Waste Ltd in Cemetery Road.

The road and a nearby railway track had to be closed off after crews were called at around 1.10am on Tuesday. Firefighters said they could be at the scene for up to two days damping down.

It is not yet clear what sparked the blaze and an investigation has been launched. The nearby railway line was closed and power to overhead cables had to be switched off.

Network Rail said the line was primarily used by freight trains, with just two or three passenger services passing through there each day.

Spokesman Keith Lumley said: "While the incident is ongoing we have had to turn the overhead power lines off."

Specialist equipment was brought on site to help tackle the flames, which engulfed 150,000 tons of waste. Watch commander Ian Gough, of Willehall fire station, said: "The fire is still smouldering. It was like a big hill of rubbish." Bosses at AB Waste bosses said they did not wish to comment.

40 are arrested in crackdown

Forty-four known criminals have been arrested in Walsall in the first month of a new crackdown in the borough.

Serve and Protect was launched on April 2 to focus on known criminals. Officers have been making regular checks on offenders who have curfews in place and arresting anyone found to have breached it.

The number of wanted people arrested between the launch of the crackdown until April 27 includes 30 who have been locked up for being wanted on warrant and failing to appear before court, seven arrested for breaching their curfews and seven others arrested as a result of forensic inquiries which have been made by police at the scenes of crimes.

Since the operation began, officers have also made 59 referrals to other agencies working with them including drug and rehabilitation schemes.

Rowdy couple made people's lives a misery

RACE ABUSE NEIGHBOURS KICKED OUT

A couple who made neighbours' lives miserable with rowdy karaoke sessions, drunken behaviour and racist abuse have been evicted from their Walsall home.

Jobless Gary Devey, aged 53, and wife Michelle, 48, were kicked out of their home after neighbours' complaints, court orders and a four-month jail sentence.

The couple angered people in Stephenson Avenue, Beechdale, by belting out hits – including You Can't Hurry Love by Phil Collins and Endless Love by Diana Ross – in late-night singing sessions.

They have now been told to leave after Beechdale Community Housing Association got a court order gaining possession of the property.

The association said the total number of complaints received over two years, which included fighting, arguing, shouting, drunken behaviour and late-night noise, came to 94. It was granted an order for possession of the property earlier this month.

June Moriarty, chief executive of the housing association, said: "The result is a victory for the community and, most importantly, for those directly-affected neighbours who can hopefully now return to living their lives in peace."

"This case demonstrates proactive hard work in tackling unacceptable behaviour by officers from BCHA, the

walsallchronicle@expressandstar.co.uk police and environmental health."

The couple were jailed last July at Wolverhampton Crown Court after they admitted racially aggravated public order offences towards a neighbour but, after serving half of the sentence, the housing association continued to receive complaints about their behaviour.

Breaches

The Deveys hurled a torrent of racist abuse at a neighbour from outside her home for two and a half hours in the middle of the night.

The couple were also fined £300 each and ordered to pay £514 costs each in November last year after admitting two breaches of a noise abatement notice served on them by Walsall Council.

The family, with three children under 14, said last year that they just wanted a quiet life, and that if anyone had knocked on the door to ask them to turn it down they would have complied.

1,100 name petition on library

A 1,108-strong petition to save a Walsall library from closure because of Government cuts has been presented to Parliament by a local MP.

Signatories urged the Government "to take all

possible steps to protect Pleck Library for the future". Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz, who presented the petition to the House of Commons last week, said it was vital campaigners kept up the fight.

Royal wedding mania hits



The kiss everyone wanted from Princess Kate and Prince William.

The miles of bunting were up, the tables out and the sandwiches and Pimms prepared – weeks of waiting for the event of the year was finally over as Walsall people went royal crazy to celebrate the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Around the UK more than 5,500 official parties took place, with more than 30 in the West Midlands. People from all over the Walsall borough got into the party

spirit and organised every kind of event and get-together imaginable. On Clare Road in Coalpool, Walsall residents were among the first in the region to string out the red, white and blue decorations around lamp posts and houses.

Organiser Jane Hadley-Brown says: "Three of us in the road remember previous street parties for Royal occasions so it is a trip down memory lane for us."

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Half of town firms 'failing in four years'

Only half of new businesses set up in Walsall are surviving beyond the first four years, a new report claims. The borough needs "to grow" up to 2,000 new enterprises in a bid to meet national standards, says the report.

This would prevent the borough from falling behind other areas. More than nine in 10 new businesses in the borough make it through their first year but this falls to less than two-thirds surviving for three years. It comes as councillors in the borough look at new ways to help new businesses grow.

Figures show that Walsall lags behind the national average when it comes to new business creation. In 2009, there were 720 new enterprises set up but 1,005 business folded.

During 2009, there were around 50 businesses for every 1,000 of the working population in Walsall, compared to a national level of 64.

The report, which has gone before Walsall Council's regeneration scrutiny and performance panel, says Walsall needs to grow 1,200 new businesses to meet regional levels and 2,000 more to meet national levels.

A working group which is looking into the issue has pinpointed the lack of suitable premises as a possible cause. The report says: "To remedy this, incubation units – office and commercial – should be developed for new businesses to locate themselves in."

"Ideally, these facilities will be developed with local business and enterprise partners, offer flexible leases, include business support features, meeting rooms and refreshment facilities."

The working group is also suggesting Walsall Council should consider giving over some of its property assets to becoming incubator units.

In February it was reported there were almost 80 shops and businesses standing empty in Walsall, prompting a review by the council.

The report adds: "The importance of a strong economy with full employment cannot be underestimated."

"Issues such as life expectancy, child poverty and educational attainment can all be improved through the development of a strong economic base."

Machete gang attacks man

A man was attacked with a machete as he walked along a busy Walsall road. The 49-year-old suffered cuts to his head and body in the attack.

It happened near Manns Carpets on the main route which links the town centre to junction 10 of the M6.

He was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital with injuries that were described as not life-threatening.

Three men wearing balaclavas are believed to have carried out the attack. They fled in a Vauxhall Corsa and nothing was stolen. A police cordon was set up outside shops and around the junction with Raleigh Street for several hours last week.

Residents in Wolverhampton Road were oblivious to the incident until emergency services arrived near their homes at around 11.35am.

One neighbour, who did not want to be named, said: "I heard the man got slashed across the waist. I was told they were wearing hoodies or masks and they got away in a car parked across the road. It is a bit of a shock for this to happen."

Another added: "The first I knew about it was when I saw the police here and the cordon up. You just don't expect anything like this."

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Vickey Matthews, Carol Gretton, Joanne Wilkes, Joshua Matthews and Harry Wilkes in Charlecote Rise, Willenhall.



Front Jack Patten, seven, as William, and Scarlett Salt, six, as Kate, during a celebratory wedding re-enactment at Blue Coat Infant School, in Walsall.



From left, Ethan Newton, aged 10, Hannah Pratt, eight, Callum Rochester, nine, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Rough Hay Road, Darlaston, with their hats



The happy newlyweds Jaydon, three, with Kayleigh, three at the ABC Day Nursery, Willenhall, having a Regal Party enjoying a banquet in honour of the day.

ROYAL PARTY PEOPLE



Darlaston All Active in Darlaston, welcomed families to watch the Royal Wedding. From left is Sharon Felton, Kimberley Harvey, 13, and Rachael Lowe



At Review Hair Design, Bloxwich are Emma Shoemaker, Beverley Bellamy, Amy Forrester and Charley Green



Families at Darlaston All Active in Darlaston, watch the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton on a big screen set up for the big event.



Shorth Heath Royal British Legion was full of locals drinking champagne. From left is Stuart Cresswell, Stuart Jones, Louise Matthews and Ali Jones.



Roy Grey, Maxine Hayward and Dean Haycock of Westbourne Street, Walsall, held their own street party to celebrate the Royal Wedding.



Shorth Heath Royal British Legion was full of locals eating breakfast as they watched the Royal Wedding. From left is Lorraine Quinn and Thelma Clemson

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Flying the flag and enjoying the spirit of the big day are residents of Rectory Avenue in Darlaston, who have gathered together for a street party to celebrate the Royal Wedding.



Pupils from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Rough Hay Road, Darlaston at a school garden party to celebrate the Royal Wedding where they all dressed up and held a hat competition.

WILD FOR WEDDING DAY



Pupils from Busill Jones Primary School, Ashley Road, Bloxwich, dress up as members of the Royal Family for their mock wedding.



Roger Rattemberry and Linda Bayliss with Max Gilbert and Ryan Quinn, at the SureStart Lighthouse Centre in New Invention, Walsall.



Shirley Shortland had a right royal good time with a cutout picture of the happy couple at the street party that was held in Rectory Avenue in Darlaston



In Valley Road, Bloxwich, residents and their children turned out in full force for a full on street party



Pupils at Watling Street Primary School, Brownhills, proudly wave Union Jacks as they plant an apple tree in their grounds to mark the Royal Wedding day.



Carers Jodie Smith and Sharni Richards with residents at Bush Residential Home in Walsall.



At Review Hair Design, Bloxwich, staff in wedding attire. From left - Emma Shoemaker, Beverley Bellamy, Amy Forrester and Charley Green



Youngsters jump around on a patriotic bouncy castle at Darlaston All Active, Darlaston.

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Above: secretary Bobbie Brooks, left, and president Maggie Birch pictured with other club members at Rushall church hall and, right, Jean Parsonage, left, Diana Hateley and Margaret Walker show off some of their work



A time to chat and arrange for Val Mason, left, and Carol Beckwith



Kerry Artes gets on with her arranging



Elizabeth Seal makes the final adjustments

Arranging helps friendship bloom

While one lady busies herself with a stunning arrangement of roses and lillies, another few members gather around for a natter over tea and biscuits.

Welcome to the world of flower arranging – where people can enjoy flowers, friendship and a good old gossip.

After Madonna made knitting cool and Nicella Lawson got the country baking again, enthusiasts are now working hard to make flower arranging the next traditional pastime to experience a revival.

One group looking to get new members – especially the younger generation – through its doors is Walsall Flower Arrangement Club.

Founded by Doris Faulks 55 years ago with just five original members, the club now has 56 ladies on its books.

However, president Maggie Birch and secretary Bobbie Brooks said they were hoping to get back to the heyday of 15 years ago when 150 people were signed up.

"Unfortunately, numbers have gradually gone down," says Mrs Brooks from Orchard Hills, who joined 12 years ago.

"People lead such busy lives these days so they don't think they have the time. But flower arranging can be extremely relaxing and helps people switch off from the stresses and strains of the day."

"We would very much like to see new members, especially younger people who can ensure the club carries on."

One of the younger members of the group

is Kerry Artes, from Broadway, Walsall. The 42-year-old, who works in the motor trade, said: "I joined in February last year as I was always interested in gardening and wanted to learn a new skill."

"When you first join, the older members show you how it all works and you watch demonstrations – 12 months later and I'm thinking of entering my first competition. "I would definitely urge more young people to get involved, I wish I had started sooner."

"It's a good way to relax and you can create some really modern arrangements for your home or as gifts. It's also really therapeutic and a good chance to get some 'me time' in this day and age."

Wonderful

The club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at Aldridge Youth Theatre in Noddy Park Road and every third Tuesday at the church hall of St Michael the Archangel in Leigh Road, Walsall. Anyone is welcome to drop in and attend and prices range from £3 to £6.

The group's longest-serving members are Margaret Walker, Diana Hateley and Jean Parsonage, who have clocked up more than 120 years between them.

Mrs Parsonage, a former teacher at

Edward Shelley High, said: "I joined when my two children were just three and one years old. Flower arranging was the only time I got to myself back then and I would imagine it would be the same for modern mothers now."

"I have such wonderful memories of this club, such as the annual summer show that used to be held in the Arboretum. About seven or eight of us would be involved and we'd have to do everything ourselves including putting up the stall. It was such fun and we often won."

Mrs Walker, the former head of home economics at Dartmouth High School, said the club provided its members with much more than just a pastime. "I joined because of my love of flowers," she said.

"My father Bill gave me my own little garden when I was just five years old at our house in Pelsall and it has stayed with me throughout my life. But this club is about more than just flowers. I have made lifelong friends here, such as Diana, and it is a salvation for a lot of people."

"When my husband passed away some years ago, everyone rallied round to support me and the flower arranging kept me busy. It really was my salvation. Flowers and friendship has become my motto."

Last-ditch scheme backed to save jobs

A portable office hire firm is to expand its base in Walsall, securing under-threat jobs and creating more in the future.

Mobile Mini was considering leaving as the lease was soon to expire and the site was not fit for purpose. But an expansion plan has cemented the company's future in the borough.

The global firm's branch in Brickyard Lane, Aldridge, submitted an emergency planning application.

It was a last-ditch attempt to secure its future in the area and Walsall councillors have granted permission for the firm to transform a larger site in Mid-dlemore Lane into a hire depot.

Beverley Mycock, constitutional services officer for Walsall Council, said the firm asked that the application be pushed through the process quickly to "stand a chance of keeping a

global company within Aldridge, which was its preference.

"This site opportunity is ideal and would allow retention of all the current staff and provide an opportunity for them to expand their business and in the future create additional jobs in Aldridge over the next few years," she said.

Edward Barratt, property adviser representing the firm, said: "Due to instances of flooding at Mobile Mini's current site in Brickyard Lane, the firm had identified the application site as the most suitable location to develop a replacement depot facility."

The Middlemore Lane site is in an industrial area of Brownhills, and because it was formerly used to store commercial vehicles the company said traffic flow will be reduced during peak times.

New railway station on track to be built

Ambitious plans for a new railway station to be built in Walsall have moved up a gear, with transport bosses now working on the business plan.

The rail industry has backed a proposal for a station in Aldridge following a review of gaps in the network. Now, the transport authority Centro is drawing up a business case.

It is also working to get the local community more involved. Network Rail published the findings of its Route Utilisation Strategy for the West Midlands back in November.

The document looked at demands for services and gaps in the network and highlighted a need in Aldridge. The idea has now received support across the board.

A report to Walsall Transport Users' Forum says: "Centro has been working towards the instatement of a passen-

ger service to Aldridge and the building of a station for some time due to the anticipated demand and the benefits it would provide, including quick and easy links to Birmingham and Walsall for people living in the area."

"Now that the rail industry has shown its support for the proposals through the Route Utilisation Strategy, the next step was for Centro to build up a business case for the plans. "Centro undertook to liaise with their rail development manager regarding the involvement of the community in the future of the Aldridge line."

It is believed the station would use the Sutton Park freight line for a half-hourly service to Walsall.

Transport links are to be bolstered between Walsall and Birmingham with a £15 million, super-fast bus net-

Burglar trapped by trace of his blood

A drug addict and serial burglar was caught after cutting himself breaking into a family home in Aldridge – and was then traced via his DNA.

James Verschyle was tracked down after traces of his blood were found on a smashed window, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week.

Craig Evans, his wife and children aged five, six and 10, returned from shopping to find £2,000 worth of damage to their semi and almost £3,000 property stolen including the contents of a children's money box.

He said in a victim impact statement read to the court: "We have been completely devastated by this."

"The children found their bedroom and the rest of the house in a mess. They are now constantly anxious when in the house and regularly check the burglar alarm to ensure that it is

working and they are not being robbed again."

Blood found at the scene after the January break-in matched the DNA of Verschyle who was arrested on February 1, Miss Rhianna Jones, prosecuting said.

Verschyle, aged 27, of Hornsey Road, Kingstanding, told detectives: "I am sorry." He then confessed to six other burglaries committed since last November.

He admitted burglary and asked for the six other offences to be taken into consideration. Three of these involved the homes of people aged over 70.

Mr Robert Cowley, defending, said the burglar, who had a host of previous convictions for theft and one for robbery, had been addicted to heroin for 10 years but was trying to stop.

Verschyle was jailed for 18 months.

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Members at Pleck Amateur Boxing Club which has moved to a new premises



Club boxes clever in new base

Along-running boxing club in Walsall which was forced out of its home for multi-million pound regeneration plans has moved into its new base.

Pleck Amateur Boxing Club has now relocated to a unit in Fairground Way after moving from its old Wolverhampton Street building of 10 years.

Parts of the unit are still being kitted out but youngsters are now able to use the facility

with a ring and punch bags in place. The overall internal makeover of the building is expected to be finished within a month and an official opening will then take place.

Forced

However, volunteers have managed to get equipment ready so around 50 youngsters can now access the facility. Boxers were forced to move

from their previous home ahead of the £65 million Walsall Waterfront redevelopment. Just under £200,000 has been secured from Advantage West Midlands towards the move to the unit, owned by Gould Estates.

The club has welcomed the new premises.

Chairman Bob Hall said: "It's fantastic, we have never had anything like it before."

Final push to obtain £30m for roads plan

A final bid for £30 million of Government cash to transform roads in Darlaston and Pleck – triggering the arrival of thousands of jobs – will be made in September.

Transport bosses are confident the ambitious scheme will be the catalyst for the long-awaited regeneration of the area.

Roads will be rebuilt and junctions and bridges improved under the project, which aims to attract more businesses to the community.

The council's business case has been approved by the Department for Transport and more detailed plans are now being drawn up. Ministers are expected to announce a decision before the end of the year.

Heavier

Councillor Tom Ansell, Walsall's transport chief, said: "I am optimistic that this will enable the regeneration of this site, bringing with it thousands of jobs."

Last year, a £1.2 million project to replace the canal bridge on Bentley Road South was completed, allowing heavier vehicles to use it.

The roads and junctions to be improved as part of the £30m project include Bentley Road South, including the junction with Heath Road; Bentley Mill Way, including the junction with Darlaston Road; the junction of A4038 Darlaston Road and A4148 Bescot Road; the junction of A4148 Bescot Road and Wallows Lane.

Improved roads will also serve a new business park at the former IMI James Bridge copper works in an £18m scheme.

Developer Parkhill, Walsall Council and the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership have tabled a £5.88m bid for Government cash on that project.

Dumped vehicles face big clear-up

Abandoned cars in Walsall will be removed within two days in a bid to clear dumped vehicles from the streets.

Residents can report cars they suspect of being intentionally left to Walsall Council's Street Pride team. Any vehicle which appears not to be in regular use and not displaying a valid road tax disc is considered abandoned unless on private land.

Enforcement officers will visit within one working day of a complaint. To lodge a complaint call 01922 65334 or email streetpride@walsall.gov.uk

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are being encouraged to help out at the Caldmore Village Festival. People are needed as stewards for the event around Caldmore Road, Walsall, from May 28-30. Call Alan Cheeseman on 01922 646724 or email alancheesemanltd@aol.com

Nostalgic dancing

The sounds of yesteryear will be ringing out at a nostalgic dance at Darlaston Town Hall. A live band will perform at the Victoria Road venue on May 12 at 1.30pm. Admission is £2 on the door and all proceeds go to the Midlands Air Ambulance.

Millionaire in take-over of drinks stores

A multi-millionaire Walsall businessman has bought nearly half of wine merchant Oddbins' remaining stores for an undisclosed sum.

Whittalls Wine Merchants, a subsidiary of Raj Chatha's EPB Group, has saved 37 Oddbins stores after the ailing retailer went into administration. The move will secure more than 200 jobs and leaves 52 branches in the hands of administrators Deloitte.

Whittalls is based in Darlaston Road, Pleck, and Mr Chatha, who has previously featured in the Sunday Times Rich List, is said to be worth around £50 million.

He set up European Food Brokers (EFB) wholesaling business in Halifax in 1991 and subsequently expanded into cash and carry. It is now a leading independent drinks distributor.

Mr Chatha, who bought 12 branches of the Unwins chain and 109 stores from Wine Cellar Stores for his Whittalls chain, said the acquisition would help Whittalls push into London and Scotland.

He said: "This represents a new dawn for these Oddbins stores, and with the well-reported financial shackles removed, it will allow for a consistent supply of stock and investment at store level for the benefit of all."

Mr Chatha said the focus for the coming weeks would be to replenish the 37 stores.

Outdoor centre ready for visitors

The new bosses of an outdoor education centre used by thousands of Walsall youngsters every year will start welcoming its first visitors this term. The first groups of Walsall school children will visit Bryntysilio, in North Wales.

The new management said it was looking forward to welcoming the visitors. The future of Bryntysilio had been under threat after Walsall Council announced it would no longer be providing £500,000 annual funding. Anthea Cooper, head of the Bryntysilio Centre, said: "We are really excited about the future."

Carnival looks for queen

Carnival fever is just around the corner in Bloxwich and last year's queen is encouraging girls to get their applications in.

The carnival queen, princess and rosebud will be selected on May 21 at St John's Methodist Church Hall. The annual event, being organised by Bloxwich Carnival Committee and supported by Walsall Council, is on August 6 at King George V Playing

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Claims that two cats were poisoned in Willenhall are being investigated. Samantha Betts has been left heartbroken after her twin six-year-old Blue Persians died within hours of each other. RSPCA officers suspect the cats were deliberately poisoned and pet owners are being urged to be on their guard.

Miss Betts, aged 22, took female feline Smokey to the vets after she fell ill with an upset stomach and lost the use of her back legs, but she died at home days later.

Several hours afterwards, Samantha took Chucky to the vets because he was suffering from the same symptoms.

Blood tests were carried out revealing the cat had been poisoned and vets said he would only live for a week if he was put on a drip.

Samantha, of Temple Road, said: "I had him put down because I didn't want him to go through the same pain as his sister."

"We had to syringe feed Smokey because she wasn't eating properly." She said her mother Ingrid Betts, aged 50, found Smokey dead when she got up to feed the cat in the early hours of last Sunday morning.

"I rang up the the PDSA in Birmingham and asked if I could bring her body in to be cremated," Samantha said.

"I asked if I could bring her brother in because he had the same symptoms. They said he had been poisoned. "I lost both of them within seven hours of each other. They were part of the family and wouldn't hurt a thing. Nothing can replace them."

Samantha, who has another seven-year-old, short-haired cat called Lucky, added: "I'm wary about letting my other cat out now."

RSPCA Inspector Jayne Bashford is appealing for anyone with information to come forward. Call 0300 1234 999.

Staff help parent firm get to the final

Staff at a Willenhall car retail centre have been praised for helping their parent company reach the national finals of a business awards scheme.

ACF Car Finance, together with other members of the group, has made it into the last stages of the Credit Today Awards, regarded as the "Oscars" of the finance industry.

The team will discover this month if its firm has taken the title of most responsible lender of the year, the category in which it has been nominated.

The Willenhall showroom, which is headed by acting dealer principal Peter Walker, provides cars and arranges finance via its parent company for the growing number of people with impaired credit records.

Third memorial metal theft



The stripped copper dome of Barr Beacon war memorial and, inset, how it was before the latest theft

Thieves have stripped metal from a war memorial for a third time.

Copper was taken from Barr Beacon war memorial's roof, was taken again – about six months after it was last repaired.

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird today branded those responsible as "the lowest of the low."

"The council is considering using a different material to deter more attacks."

Copper was stripped from the roof of the 50ft memorial in March 2010 leaving the council with a repair bill of about £15,000.

It was attacked months later as repair work was done.

The memorial was built in 1933 as a tribute to Staffordshire and Warwickshire people who fell during the First World War.

Councillor Bird urged people to



report anything suspicious and added: "These people deserve locking up. This is a war memorial to people who have lost their lives fighting for this country."

"The people who have done this are the lowest of the low – lower than a snake on a tyre track."

"The people who have done this deserve imprisonment, there's no two ways about it."

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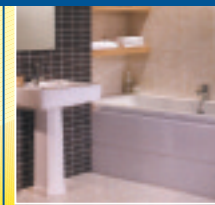
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Canal festival planners pleased with progress

Preparations are well under way for this year's Brownhills Canal Festival. The event on June 26 will be officially opened by Aldridge-Brownhills MP Richard Shepherd.

Organisers Brownhills Local Committee are hoping for fine weather and another year of bumper crowds at the boating and craft extravaganza held at the waterfront in Silver Street.

Thousands flock to the annual show which is in its ninth year.

It was created by the committee as a way to promote community awareness

in Brownhills, Brownhills West and Clayhanger.

There will be stalls, narrow boats, canoeing, and entertainment at the show which will start at 10am.

Committee chairman Doug Birch said: "The planning has gone extremely well. We're sorting the last pieces now. We have invited the MP for the area to perform the official opening."

"He has always attended the canal festival, but this is the first time we have asked him to open it."

Decision likely over speed limit

A decision over long-awaited moves to cut the speed limit along a busy Walsall route could be made by this month, if objectors agree a U-turn. A 30mph restriction has been proposed along the main Sutton Road instead of the current 40mph limit. Three objections have been received.

Walsall Council has now written to opponents with more details about the plans to get them to reconsider.

The objectors now have until May 13 to give their responses to highways chiefs.

If they are withdrawn, it would pave the way for the speed restrictions to come into force following long-standing pleas from householders.

The start of meals service

A new meals-on-wheels service is being run by Darlaston All Active Centre.

People are invited to sign-up to the scheme, which offers a two-course meal for £4.20.

The centre in Willenhall Road also runs a luncheon club for over 50s on Thursdays from 11am-2pm.

Walsall Council ended its contract with meals-on-wheels provider Sodexo in January.

The council said it was changing the service in the borough to save more than £1 million over the next three years.

For details call 0121 568 6144.

Date for concert

The Sheffield Male Voice Choir will perform at Walsall Town Hall this month. The concert at the Lichfield Street venue on May 21 starts at 7pm. Tickets, costing £10, are available on 0845 111 2900 or 01922 682070.

Pensioners get into celebration mood



Pensioners got into the spirit of Easter by crafting bonnets and cards, decorating eggs and making puppets at The Cottage Nursing Home, Blakenall Heath, Bloxwich.

Activities co-ordinator Pauline Monroe said: "They made their Easter bonnets from straw hats and decorated them with ribbons, chickens and bunnies."

"They also been decorated eggs and made puppets and cards."

"Around 12 people took part and they had a brilliant time."

The home held a royal wedding party on Friday to celebrate the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Homemade streamers, flags and bunting were put up around the home.

Mrs Monroe said before the event: "They are putting the decorations up now as we thought it would be a good build-up to the event."

"Everyone's getting quite excited about it. We'll be watching the wedding on TV and there will be music and games afterwards."

Front carer Anna Fellows, middle from left, Irene Wilkins, aged 87, Sheila Jones 70, Edie Faulkner 85, and top, senior carer Sue Timmins, Joyce Robertson, 70, and carer Laura Bishop.

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Litter on estate 'just horrendous'

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Rubbish bins left overflowing on a Bloxwich housing estate mean the area is plagued with "absolutely horrendous" litter, a councillor has claimed.

Bins in Cresswell Crescent, Mossley estate, are emptied by Walsall Housing Group. But Councillor Fred Westley says they are not emptied often enough.

The litter-plagued area is outside shops, including a fish and chip shop, and residents say that much of the problem is caused by fast food waste.

Councillor Westley said instead of having a big clean-up of the area, money would be better spent on emptying bins more frequently.

Walsall Housing Group said its bins were emptied once a week.

The councillor said: "The litter outside the shops is absolutely terrible, the area is covered in rubbish and fish and chip papers."

Help

"The bins need emptying at least two or three times a week. They are absolutely overflowing."

"It is Walsall Housing Group's responsibility to do it, but sometimes it looks like it has been snowing chip papers."

Gary Brookes, the group's head of housing neighbourhood services, said: "We own two of the three rubbish bins in front of the shops and the third bin is owned by Walsall Council."

"We litter-pick the area and empty our two bins every week. To help keep the area tidier, we have offered to empty the council's bin when we empty ours. We are waiting for the council's response to our offer."

"We have also asked the shopkeepers to work with us to ensure the area is kept litter-free."

Couple share royal date



Edna and Tony Hill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the day of the Royal Wedding

It was not just Royal Wedding celebrations taking place tomorrow - as a Willenhall couple remember tying the knot themselves 50 years ago.

Edna and Tony Hill marked their golden wedding anniversary by watching the future King get married.

The couple met at a dance hall and romance blossomed after Tony asked for a dance.

They went on to marry 16 months later at Emmanuel Church in Bentley.

Tony, aged 71, was a tool setter at Willenhall Locks for 40 years before his retirement while Joan worked as a typist at John Harpers.

They have three children Karen, 47, Julie, 43, and Linda,



The couple on the big day

42, and will be going out for a meal to mark their own milestone moment.

The couple, from Sherlock Close, advise William and Kate to learn to "give and take" in order to make their marriage a success.

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Repairs to pavement

Crumbling pavements leading to Brownhills town centre are to be repaired after traders and residents launched a campaign for improvements.

Businesses and the residents urged the council to act over concerns shoppers using mobility scooters had been travelling in busy Chester Road North due to uneven paths.

Following a tour of the town centre, highways bosses have told community leaders that the repairs will be carried out within the next three years, due to budgets.

Demolition of old shop

An eyesore building in Walsall has finally been pulled down after it was partially demolished last month.

The last parts of the former Curl & Dye hair salon in Wolverhampton Road have been reduced to rubble.

The site of the building, which was the subject of a 14-year campaign by fed-up residents, has been fenced off.

Healthy eating course on offer

A healthy eating course for disabled people, carers and over 50s is running on Thursdays in Walsall.

The Walsall Centre for Independent Living, in Bridge Street, is running the course with NHS Walsall Community Health each week at 10.30am. The course runs until May 19. Call 01922 650790.

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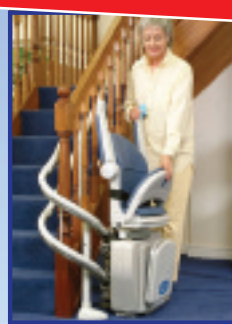
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Fund-hit charity is closed

A Walsall welfare advice charity which has helped hundreds of disadvantaged people has closed because of a funding shortfall.

Trelawny Overseas Relief Association (TORA) will finish on Saturday after providing drop-in advice on benefits, immigration and housing issues for the past 12 years.

Tora chairman Moses Whyte said he was saddened by the situation as the registered charity, in Caldmore Green, was among a handful of African Caribbean community-led schemes in the town.

The charity relies on £30,000 each year to keep running but Mr Whyte said it had been existing on dwindling grant aid and donations from his own pocket. Cost-saving measures led to the operation moving from West Bromwich Street last year and two workers were also axed in 2009.

The service now runs with a team of 10 volunteers.

Mr Whyte has pledged about £25,000 to the charity over the years.

He said the charity would need to secure £10,000 in funding to stay open until the end of the year.

He added: "I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped TORA over the years, your efforts were worthy and made a difference."

Anyone who can help, can call 01922 724333.

Teen challenge for Aaliyah



Aaliyah Circunstancia is a semi-finalist in Miss Teen Great Britain competition

A Walsall teenager has been chosen as a semi-finalist to represent Birmingham and the Black County in this year's Miss Teen Great Britain competition.

Aaliyah Circunstancia will compete in the beauty contest at The Globe in Blackpool on September 24.

The 15-year-old from Pelsall will be one of 60 girls battling it out in the semi-finals.

Contestants were chosen after submitting online application forms.

She needs to raise £215 in sponsorship to take part in the event and there will be advertising opportunities during the competition for businesses who offer help.

The Joseph Leckie Community Technology College student said: "My goal is to make a career out of modelling."

"I am under no illusion that it is an easy career move given the strong competition in the industry but it is where my dreams lie. The competition is a step in the right direction in realising those dreams."

Businesses who can offer sponsorship should call Lynne Wainwright on 07779 378778 or email lynne@fourseasons-clean.co.uk.

Road block plan facing new delays

Steps aimed at stopping motorists from blocking drives and junctions outside three Walsall schools are still to be taken after more than two-and-a-half years, council chiefs have admitted.

Proposals aimed to prevent drivers affecting homes in Primley Avenue, Alumwell, Walsall, were first mooted in September 2008 but are still to get off the ground.

A single yellow line restricting hours for parking was expected to be in place by the start of this year and then highways chiefs said restrictions should be operating by spring but are still not in place.

The scheme, outside Alumwell Infants, Junior and College schools, is still to get the go-ahead.

However, bosses say this should happen within weeks.

Simon Purohit, senior transport planner and project lead, said: "We are looking at adding lines to introduce restricted parking in Primley Avenue but plans are still being finalised with

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our transportation and traffic management teams.

"This should be completed by the end of April or beginning of May," he added.

Proposals to restrict parking between 8am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm to 4pm followed complaints about cars and vehicles lining both sides of the road, making it difficult for vehicles to get through during busy periods.

Backing

The proposal has received the backing of residents and councillors in the area.

The project aims to fit in with the Wolverhampton Road red route scheme which was finished at the start of March.

Double red lines are now in place along the main route which links Junction 10 of the M6 and Walsall town centre.

The lines mean motorists are longer able to stop along the route in a bid to cut congestion.

Police appeal over metal theft at pub

Police are reappealing for information after metal thieves targeted a derelict pub in Brownhills.

Thieves broke into The Rising Sun in Chester Road North sometime between April 6 and 10, causing £2,500 of damage and stealing £100 of copper and £50 brass light fittings.

Although the pub has been empty for some time, officers from West Midlands Police believe someone may have seen the break-in as its on a busy main road. Anyone with information can call the police on 0345 113 500.

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Schools will link to new network

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A £908,000 computer network that will allow Walsall schools to share information and services in an instant is to be installed.

It will eventually link libraries, leisure centres and other councils in the Black Country.

Walsall is leading the way on the creation of a public sector network, which could also eventually include the police, fire service and NHS.

It is hoped the system will allow vital information and services to be shared between organisations at the touch of a button.

Walsall has struck a £908,000, three-year deal with Update Infrastructure to deliver the project and is now in talks with Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Dudley councils about the future.

The first phase will involve connecting 75 of Walsall's 129 secondary, primary and nursery schools during July and August.

Started

Council bosses then plan to connect all of their corporate sites, including libraries, leisure centres and social care facilities.

Sharon Worrall, Walsall Council's strategic supplier manager said: "We have started to build a new data network around the borough initially for use by a number of schools."

"However, because of the technology being implemented, the new network could potentially become a public sector network."

"Once the initial project with our schools is off the ground, we will then look to migrate other council-owned circuits across to the new network as it provides more resilience than our current one." She added the design puts the council in a good position to share it with services.

Hospice Spamalat surprise



Actors Rachel Knowles, Jessica Martin, David Langham and Kit Orton with Claire Bradnock, left, and Libby Smalley, aged 11

Children at Acorn's Hospice got a wonderful surprise as actors from Monty Python's Spamalat walked through the doors.

The show was being performed at The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton last week, and actors David Langham, Kit Orton, Rachel Knowles and Jessica Martin took time out of their schedule to stop by the Walsalead Road hospice.

The actors chatted with children at the Walsall centre, including 18-year-old Claire Bradnock, from Wednesfield, who asked for

performances from all four. They obliged by singing her choice of song before she gave them a mark out of 10 for their efforts.

Claire said: "It was brilliant, we made them sing and I was the judge. We should put them on X Factor."

Jessica Martin, who plays the Lady of the Lake in the Monty Python production, which also stars Phill Jupitus, said: "This place is the ultimate in positivity, it's very inspiring to come here. It makes you realise what's important."

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Security cameras for flats

The installation of security cameras at flats in Walsall could be rolled out to other tower blocks next year.

Walsall Housing Group is to review their success in 12 months' time with a view expanding the scheme.

It comes after CCTV was launched at six of its blocks of flats in the borough to safeguard customers and their property.

Those which have benefited are Smith House and Thomas House in Bloxwich, Jones House in Birchills and Barleyfields House, Orlando House and Newhall House, which are all in Caldmore.

The cameras cover the shared and public parts of the blocks including the grounds, car parks, hallways, landings, lifts and lounges.

The pilot project aims to make customers feel safer, deter anti-social behaviour and crime, and capture evidence of illegal activity.

Heart alert day at store

Staff from Walsall Manor Hospital will hold a Heart Failure Awareness session at a Walsall supermarket. It will be held at Tesco in Littleton Street West on Friday, between 11am and 2pm.

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GPs give £90,000 to help new hospice



Terry Robshaw, ex-director of operations at Walsall Hospice, receives the cheque from Dr Ajit Desai

A donation of more than £90,000 has been handed to Walsall's long-awaited hospice by a group of town GPs.

Members of the Walsall local medical committee made the contribution to help the St Giles Walsall hospice equip its in-patient facility in Goscut Lane, Walsall.

The money, from a trust fund set up by

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the GPs to finance the Edinburgh Ward of the former Goscut Hospital, which stood on the hospice site, will be spent on a cutting edge drug dispensing system.

Dr Ajit Desai, chairman of Walsall local medical committee and a GP partner in

Willenhall and Great Wyrley, and Dr Sumathy Nambisan, a GP based in Pelsall, visited St Giles Walsall Hospice to take a look at the new facility and present a cheque to the charity, which provides care free of charge to its patients.

Dr Desai said: "We are very impressed with the new hospice facility. St Giles seem to have thought of everything to make life better for patients and their carers."

"It is wonderful to see the hospice, which Walsall has needed for many years, finally opening."

"It will bring great benefits for local people, and especially for patients' visitors, who will no longer have to travel to St Giles Hospice near Lichfield to visit their loved ones."

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St Giles chief executive Peter Holliday said: "We are delighted to receive this very substantial donation from Walsall local medical committee, which will enable our Walsall nursing team to work efficiently and cost-effectively."

Looking to get more 'lollipops'

A recruitment drive has started in Walsall to find more lollipop men and women to cover 12 vacancies.

Council chiefs said the number was due to staff turnover.

Locations across the borough where school crossing patrol wardens are needed include Springhill Road, in Walsall; Bloxwich Road, in Short Heath; Lichfield Road, New Invention and High Street, Brownhills.

The job brief states: "You will need to be punctual and reliable, turning out in all weathers to provide a safe crossing point for children."

Date for concert

The Sheffield Male Voice Choir will perform at Walsall Town Hall on May 21. The concert starts at the Lichfield Street venue at 7pm. Tickets, costing £10, are available on 0845 111 2900 or 01922 682070.

£1,000 thank you to hospital



Demi-Lee Yates presents a cheque to Rebecca Fowle and Shelley Dunn, who both work in the oncology outpatients department.

A couple from Walsall have raised more than £1,000 to celebrate five years since their daughter was last treated for cancer.

Nicola and Mark Yates, from Bentley, hosted a fundraising event in aid of the Birmingham Children's Hospital to say thank you to all the staff that treated their eldest daughter, Demi-Lee.

Demi-Lee, who is now 11 years old,

was just four when she was diagnosed with leukaemia and underwent three years of gruelling treatment on the hospital's oncology ward.

Marking five years in remission, the event at Pelsall Cricket Club raised £1,100 with the help of local businesses who donated an array of items for the raffle. More than 150 people turned up at the hall which was provided to the family free of charge.

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Manhole splits on busy road

A manhole cover on a busy Walsall route split, leaving a hole in the road surface.

The damage was spotted on Walsall Road, near its junction with the A461 Lichfield Road in Walsall Wood and repairs were carried last Wednesday.

Glyn Oliver, service manager for engineering and transportation at Walsall Council, said temporary traffic management arrangements were put in place while the cover was repaired, causing minimal disruption.

Gina Lyce, spokeswoman for Walsall Police, said: "A passer-by who lived locally reported that a cover had been damaged."

"It looked like the cover had been split, which may have caused a hole in the road. We passed it on to highways and put some traffic cones out. We conducted traffic duties until about 11.20am."

Warning on plates thefts

Motorists are being warned to secure their number plates with anti-theft screws after a spate of thefts in Walsall.

There were 40 sets stolen in March alone in the borough and police are encouraging people to take steps to protect their property.

For more details call the dedicated crime prevention officer at Walsall police station on 0345 113 5000.

Centre replaced by cheaper plan

Volunteers receive the mayor's thanks



Councillor Gary Clarke with the volunteers

Volunteers in Walsall who work tirelessly for others have been recognised at a ceremony.

The Mayor of Walsall Councillor Gary Clarke invited more than 30 to the council house to thank them for their efforts. They were presented with a commemorative bookmark and enjoyed a buffet and music by Walsall Operatic Society.

Among those present was Pat Davies MBE, who is well known in the Brownhills community after volunteering for more than 25 years.

Other volunteers were Nathan Collier, who helps vulnerable adults at the Gleebe Centre, Walsall, Paul Bruton-Holmes, who set up Portobello Rangers football club, and Caroline Crolley, who stages events for Walsall Women's Forum.

A £2.3 million visitor centre at Barr Beacon beauty spot has been shelved as council chiefs pursue a £500,000 restoration scheme instead. They failed to secure funding three years ago.

That forced Walsall Council to withdraw an application, which included a cafe, children's education room and community exhibition area.

Bosses have admitted it is no closer to being revived, and they are now seeking cash for the cheaper alternative.

The £500,000 scheme includes restoring the war memorial through repointing its stonework and replacing balustrades and handrails.

Graham Hood, head of green spaces at the council, said: "Despite our efforts in 2007, the council has not been able to secure funding to build a visitor centre at Barr Beacon."

Current

"In the current economic climate we have to prioritise our spending and it's unlikely we will be able to process anything in the short term."

"We are more hopeful of being successful in securing a Heritage Lottery Fund award to restore and repair the site's famous war memorial landmark."

Barr Beacon proposals were put forward as part

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of the £50 million Black Country Urban Park bid which was scrapped in 2007.

It came second in the ITV People's Millions competition organised by the National Lottery, where the scheme was backed by the four Black Country boroughs.

It lost out to the Sus-trans cycle network bid. The Barr Beacon Heritage Project at the site off Beacon Road is estimated to cost almost half a million pounds.

The Heritage Lottery Fund has backed the initial war memorial restoration and a second round application is now being prepared.

It aims to restore and replace the flagpole at the site, repair railings, provide an archaeological excavation and community events.

The bid also includes the cost of a project manager to oversee the restoration process.

Once funding is in place, it is hoped that work will be carried out between January 2012 and December 2014.

Slide in for hospice

Adrenaline junkies can take part in a charity zip slide to raise money for St Giles Walsall Hospice on May 14 at the Banks's Stadium, Bescot. Registration is £35 and participants are asked to try to raise at least £100. To register, visit www.stgileshospice.com

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Wedding site revamp plan

Police step on patrols

The restoration of an iconic Walsall Arboretum building which could become a wedding venue is earmarked for completion next spring.

The historic Leckie Sons of Rest dates back more than a century and is poised to get a £200,000 makeover by council chiefs.

It is being considered for wedding ceremonies once work is finished and bosses have said they are hoping this will be finished within the financial year.

It means couples could get the chance to have their big day at one of the most picturesque sites in the borough from next year.

Chris Holliday, head of leisure and culture at Walsall Council said: "The council has allocated £200,000 to undertake repairs to the Sons of Rest building."

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"It will be used to make repairs to the balcony and iron work and will be carried out within the next financial year," he added.

The Sons of Rest was initially

opened as the pavilion and became a social club for elderly men in 1936. Its restoration will fit in with the £7.6 million transformation of the Arboretum which is being funded through the Heritage Lottery Fund with match funding from the council.

The overall revamp of the park is taking place over the next few years.

Refurbishment of the bandstand and boathouse are planned along with extensive footpath resurfacing and widespread horticultural improvements.

Gangs of yobs are drinking and dropping litter and smashing bottles around the shops near Clayhanger Common in Brownhills.

Police have stepped up high visibility and plain-clothed patrols.

Officers say they will disperse large crowds and send letters to the parents of youths. Any criminal offences will be dealt with by means of a "zero tolerance" policy.

Orchestra's milestone

The Walsall Senior Citizens Orchestra will host its first concert at the Forest Arts Centre this Thursday.

The musicians will raise the roof at the new venue after leaving their town hall home of more than 30 years.

The performance will take place at 2pm. The orchestra was established in 1974 and boasts around 35 members ranging from 55 years of age up to 91. Many of the performers are aged in their 80s.

Parks to be open longer

The opening times for parks across Walsall will be extended until 9.30pm over the summer.

Wardens will open the borough's open spaces for longer to allow people to take advantage of the warm weather and lighter nights.

The extended hours will apply for June and July and will then be 8.30pm from August. During winter the gates will be locked from 4.30pm. Parks in Walsall are opened at 8am.

Families go hell for leather to museum



Families enjoyed the warm weather and entertainers during a fun day at Walsall Leather Museum.

Several hundred people attended the free event where the likes of balloonist My Mate Kate and Malan the Wizard, who taught magic, were on hand.

The Cat that Walked By Himself telling the classic Just-So story of Rudyard Kipling through shadow puppetry was among the entertainment in Littleton Street.

Those interested in art and crafts were able to make their own leather memento during drop in sessions. Face painting, glitter tattoos and comedy juggling were also on the bill yesterday.

Assistant curator Francesca Cox said the Easter family fun day was one of the most well-attended events in the museum's calendar with several hundred people turning up between 10.30am to 3.30pm.

She said: "It was brilliant and the weather helped people enjoy it. This is always a really popular event."

My Mate Kate, Kate Cudmore, with Heaven Pilling, aged six, from Highgate



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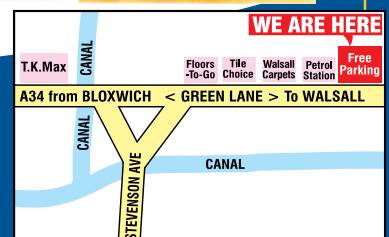
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Soldier charity nears £1m target

A charity set up in memory of a Walsall soldier and his colleagues who were killed in Afghanistan has raised £856,000 – and is aiming to hit the million mark this summer.

Afghan Heroes was launched in September 2009 by eight bereaved mothers including Jane Whitehouse, mother of 27-year-old Cpl Jonathan Horne.

The charity, which helps families of fallen soldiers, those on the front line and returning personnel, has raised more than £50,000 since the start of the year.

Cpl Horne died after an explosion in Helmand province on July 10, 2009.

The married father-of-two, known as

Jay, had been carrying an injured comrade.

Grandmother-of-seven Mrs Whitehouse, aged 55, of Duchess Road, said more fundraising events were being planned in Walsall over the next few months.

She said: "We are getting a lot of support. In July we are hoping to have a fancy dress fundraiser at the Banks's Stadium. People at the RAC, where I work, have been very supportive. A couple of them did the Mother's Day bike ride through Wootton Bassett this year and they are also doing sponsored walks for the charity in Shropshire in May."

It is hoped a garden of memories for

fallen service personnel will be created at Walsall Arboretum following calls from Mrs Whitehouse, as well as family and friends of Cpl Horne.

The charity also recently sent out 13,500 boxes full of home comforts like sweets and shower gel to troops on the frontline in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Denise Harris, founder of Afghan Heroes, said: "More people are coming on board this year. There are lots of events lined up. Hopefully we will reach £1 million in the next few months."

She said a holiday home launched by the charity in Weymouth was proving popular and similar holiday homes were being planned around the UK.

Dress shop promotes prom pageant

A Pelsall dress shop will hold its own mini pageant at Pelsall Carnival this year.

Girls buying prom gowns at Audrey's Dream Dresses can be in the carnival parade at Pelsall Common on July 2, on a shop float.

The store, in Norton Road, has also organised a mini pageant on the same day and those who buy a dress from the shop will have the chance to be crowned Audrey's Prom Queen 2011.

The pageant is at Pelsall Common at 1pm and will be judged by local councillors Garry Perry and Marco Longhi.

Shop owner Carol Watts said: "We wanted to take part in Pelsall Carnival and we thought it was the ideal opportunity for the girls to put their dresses back on after their proms."

She added: "All the girls taking part in the pageant will be given a sash and the winner will get a crown and flowers."

For information call 07845 007195.



Preparing for the prom, from left, Jessica Watts, aged 15, shop owner Carol Watts and Samantha Smith, 13

Knotty problem of weeds

Patches of land at a Walsall allotment are being treated for a nuisance plant which could cost thousands of pounds to control.

Japanese knotweed has been spotted near plots in Lane Avenue, Reedwood.

If left, it spreads quickly and covers wide areas, killing off native species and damaging building foundations.

West Walsall Leisure Gardens looks after the allotments, but the committee called on Walsall council to treat the plant.

Secretary Richard Stynes said: "We have had complaints from people who want it to be tackled before it spreads anymore."

Council spokesman Dan Slee said: "We have been working with the leaseholders to eradicate the problem."

"We have been using approved commercial herbicides to try to control the knotweed however several treatments are required."

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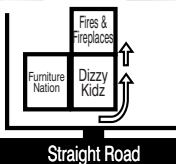
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Tributes to bowls champ Keith who has died aged 67

Tributes have been paid to a popular champion bowls player who died earlier last month. Keith Carter, a former architect with Walsall Council, won the Cannock Indoor League on seven occasions, with playing partner Craig Barker.

Their last triumph came in February this year despite Keith, from Cheslyn Hay, being ill. Having suffered from pneumonia in 2009 Keith contracted pulmonary fibrosis and was ill for several months before passing away at Stafford Hospital.

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A stand at Cheslyn Hay M&B is to be jointly named in his honour along with another former player George Macgill who died in 2009. Club captain Craig, 39, said Keith, aged 67, was like a father to him. He said: "He was a very caring man and had time for everybody."

"We were very close and Keith was well known and very popular across the Midlands. It's just such a sad loss."

Craig said that family man Keith, an architect for Walsall Council until his retirement two years ago, was a lover of computers and gadgets and played golf in his spare time.

He also took pride in owning his own fish pond.

"Keith was a proper family man who lived for his family and his grandkids," Craig added.

"In bowls he was good under pressure, a team player and played the game very hard. He was a colourful character and was famous for playing with red bowls."

Keith was called up for Staffordshire three years ago. Mel Evans, captain at Chaddmoor Bowls Club, where Keith also played, said: "He would do anything for anyone and when my own father died in 1989 he was the first one that came to see me."



Bowler Keith Carter

A host of tributes have been left on bowls forum website www.talking-bowls.com. His son Paul said: "We are humbled that dad was held in such esteem."

Keith's funeral at St Mark's, Great Wyrley, was attended by some 300 people.

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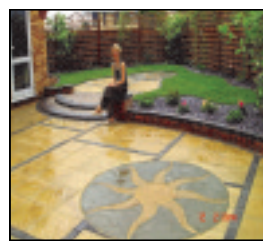
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CALLING all you sports fans, the Grass Roots Football Show is back for 2011 and promises to be bigger and better than ever.

This year's must attend football event will take place at The NEC in Birmingham on Friday June 3 - Sunday June 5.

The Grass Roots football family have shown their support since the show launched in 2005 with over 60,000 attendees making it the biggest event of its kind in Europe.

2011 is set to be the biggest yet with new show ambassador Robbie Savage being joined by a host of the biggest names in football. The Derby County and former Welsh international has developed a keen interest in football coaching and the development of junior football as he comes to the end of his illustrious career.

He said: "This is the best show of its kind in Britain and deserves an ever greater platform and profile."

Opportunity

"I am the proud parent of two young sons who are starting out on the grass roots footballing ladder. It is vital that all young children in this country - boys and girls - are given the very best coaching development as they grow up."

"This show encourages the development of coaches and of best coaching practice. Most of all, its vital that our youngsters enjoy playing football and are encouraged to continue playing the game at adult level too."

"This show offers an opportunity for all of the thousands of coaches and those involved in the grass roots game to meet up with the professionals and learn and showcase new skills, coaching clinics and be educated and entertained."

"I have the utmost admiration and respect for all the junior football coaches who devote their time, money and energies into giving our young people a chance to play organised football."

Grass Roots Football Director, Joanna Burns, said: "Grass roots football is one of the hottest topics in sport at the moment. With major announcements due in the coming weeks, we are planning the most exciting show in the history of the event and we can't wait to get started."

"This year we have more coaches, more experts, more players and greater participation and we aim to reinforce the Grass Roots Football Show as the must attend event for coach education and development in the UK. We are urging all of the football family to come and get involved, have fun and learn from the very best football people."

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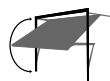
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Pothole cash down Road scheme

The amount of compensation paid to drivers whose cars were damaged by potholes on Walsall's weather-ravaged roads has fallen. In 2010, Walsall Council paid £6,741, down from £15,246 in 2009.

Transport chief Tom Ansell said he expected compensation to fall as the council tackled potholes with new and more permanent solutions. In February, it was revealed 1,500 potholes had

appeared on Walsall's roads in the winter months with repairs were costing £6,000— twice the normal average.

"The new techniques we are using to find permanent solutions, it will help bring down compensation payouts," he said. "We haven't paid out much money but some claims which we have disputed we have fought vigorously and won."

Drivers may be slowed down at a danger junction after a spate of accidents yards from Walsall Manor Hospital. Collisions have happened at the junction of Alumwell Road and Most Road over three years.

A raised section similar to a speed hump in Pleck is proposed. There have been eight accidents, including a serious one, between November 2007 and 2010. If the proposed scheme is agreed, after consultation, it will be built in 2011/2012 for £37,800. Other projects considered include installing traffic lights at the Collingwood Drive/Queslett Road roundabout.

Glyn sets off to aid hospice

Fundraisers have set off on a mission to cycle 1,500 miles across Europe in 14 days to raise money for Walsall Hospice.

Glyn Marston, aged 48, from New Invention is one of the riders taking part in the Triple Tower Challenge. Riders will be cycling from the Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy, to the Eiffel Tower in France and to Blackpool Tower. Mr Marston has raised more than £100,000 to date by taking on challenges across the world.

He has been joined by friend Anthony Bate. The pair will cycle 100 miles a day.

For information visit www.glynmarston.co.uk

Clean up call

Residents across Walsall are being urged to support a campaign to clean up the borough's parks and streets. The nationwide Big Tidy up 2011 includes litter picks, tree planting and graffiti removal. Walsall projects have included tidying Doe Bank Park. Pheasay and clearing rubbish from Willenhall Memorial Park.

Royal turnout to open new canteen

Pupils at a Walsall school are enjoying a finer dining experience after a canteen makeover.

Elmore Green Primary School, in Bloxwich, was one of just eight schools in England to secure funds from the School Food Trust to help spruce up its diner.

The trust launched Canteen Rescue to help schools improve their dining room and raise awareness of the importance of a decent space for children to dine.

After putting their £10,000 boost to good use pupils are now enjoying a bright and welcoming atmosphere with rainbow striped blinds, matching tables and chairs and a brand new floor.

The 100 year-old canteen officially reopened on April 28 with a royal wedding theme, and two volunteers from the school posed as Prince William and Kate Middleton to cut the ribbon.

Headteacher Jane Humphreys said: "The staff and pupils are thrilled about the makeover."

"Our dining hall was looking very tired and the children weren't happy eating there," she added. "If your school canteen needs help visit www.getreal.uk.com/canteenrescue."



Rita Smith from Elmore Green Primary School, in Bloxwich, celebrating the canteen opening with Prince William and Kate Middleton, aka Ben Taylor and Laurie Edge.

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3D is dazzling at show

THE Gadget Show Live last month proved a phenomenal success and further established the show at the NEC as the UK's leading consumer technology event.

The show attracted a record attendance figure of 104,759 with around 20,000 consumers visiting each day the show was open to the public.

Based on the popular Five television programme, The Gadget Show Live, the event had over 200 exhibitors showcasing thousands of products.

Visitors trialled exciting gadgetry and had the chance to interact with the latest in 3D, gaming, tech transport and the latest tablets to rival – or under cut in price – the highly desirable iPad.

Those attending the show also experienced technology of the future in the Future Tech Zone, with everything from eye and mind control gaming through to augmented reality and truly wireless technology for the home on display.

More than 67,500 people attended the Super Theatre, which accommodated just under 4,500 visitors three times daily. Presenters from the TV show, Jason Bradbury, Wolverhampton's Suzi Perry, Jon Bentley, Oris Deley and Polyanna Woodward gave a high-energy performance. The latest in wearable technology from CuteCircuit was also showcased with a specially designed electronic dress made exclusively for Polyanna.

Several World Records were smashed at this year's show, including the world's lightest touch-screen mobile phone, awarded to sWaP and the largest mobile phone gaming party organised by Kick Energy in the Game Zone.

The Gadget Show Live also hosted the first UK viewing of several eagerly anticipated games including DIRT3 from Codemasters (released May 24), the new Duke Nukem game from 2K games and EA's Need for Speed: Shift 2

Unleashed.

The first up-to-28mph street legal e-bicycle, the Grace E Bike was also launched in the UK at the show. Personal Projector showed their new pico range and Wacom had an exclusive preview of their new Stylus Bamboo range for the iPad.

University

The University of Wolverhampton was represented at the show for the second year and were a part of the exciting new possibilities in 3D technology, which were a major element of the show.

Visitors to the university's stand were able to wear 'stereo shutter glasses' and test their skills at forklift truck driving in a 3D virtual reality environment. Academics and students on architecture and design courses have developed stereoscopic 3D virtual environments so buildings can be explored before they are even built.

Two interactive robots developed by lecturers for budding computer engineers to learn theory hands-on and a console-controlled airship designed by final year student Ed Wilson were also on show.

Tablets, apps and 3D were the hottest topics across the show. There was a lot of interest in the budget but good looking tablet computers from View Quest and Elonex, which aim to make tablets affordable enough for one per family member rather than one tablet per household.

Gadgets guru Tom Dunmore previewed some of the amazing applications (apps) coming our way and predicted the triumph of the Android market across several tech platforms. It



Crowds of gadget lovers tried out the latest tech

is currently mostly used by mobile phone users and gives access to 30,000 apps, from maps to barcode readers to games.

He previewed an instant translation app which you can hold in front of foreign writing, near field communication to find items in shops and virtual money that will make phones/tablets more like a wallet, and just as essential when leaving the home.

3D was everywhere, from Nintendo 3D's no glasses required gaming, to impressive high end 3D TVs and laptops from such as Sony and Panasonic.

Among the quirkier items were California's NeuroSky with their Mindwave

headset which allows the user to interact with a programme using their minds, pioneering the ultimate form of hands-free gaming. The wider future of this most sci-fi type of tech, based on brain-wave reading medical equipment, is mind-boggling with such projects as mind-controlled wheelchairs being developed.

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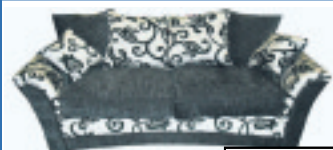
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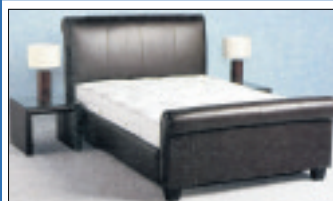
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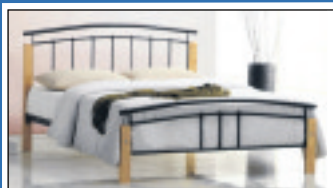
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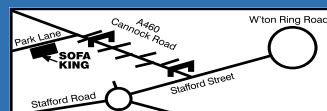


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The graveyard at Rushall Church.



Another shot of the pool at Park Lime Pits



The lake at Park Lime Pits surrounded by autumn colours.

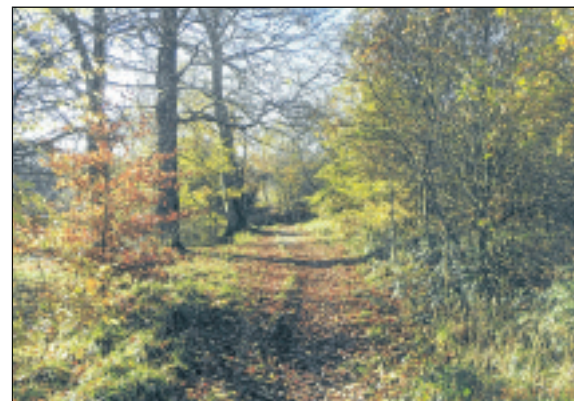
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Delta's made sounds of the country with Mersey beat

IMAGINE that Dolly Parton was from Liverpool rather than the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Now hear Delta Maid.

This 26-year-old singer-songwriter from Wavertree has a voice as keen and clear as country air and is about to make an impact with her debut album, *Outside Looking In*, which draws upon country and blues music, as much as Mississippi as Mersey.

"Sometimes you don't fit a niche," she said. "There's pressure on you to fit in and do the popular thing."

"I know I don't fit the mould but just take a chance and it might work."

Major record label Geffen certainly hope so and the signs look good. New single *Of My Own* has been getting Radio 2 airplay and there is a new, younger audience for country-pop crossover music, thanks to such as Taylor Swift and emerging sister act The Pierces. West Midlands music fans can catch up with the Delta sound when she performs at Birmingham's Glee Club on Monday, May 9, the day her album is released.



Delta Maid - Glee Club date

Wolves date in Manics mini-tour line-up

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MANIC Street Preachers come to Wolverhampton this month for one of only three gigs in a mini-tour and the only date outside their native Wales.

The powerhouse rock trio will play the seaside resort of Llandudno and then the Civic Hall on Thursday, May 19, before a triumphant return to Cardiff for their first gig in the Welsh capital since 2007.

Bassist Nicky Wire said: "We are really looking forward to playing Cardiff CIA again as it has been over three years since we played there. It will be a great warm up for the festival season and a perfect way to end what has been a brilliant campaign for Postcards For A Young Man."

"On the last dates (and these coming up) we've been playing lots of songs from our past too which has been really enjoyable."

The band released the title track of their latest album *Postcards From A Young Man* earlier this year.

Their formidable back catalogue includes such modern day rock classics as *Motorcycle Emptiness*, *A Design For Life*, *Everything Must Go*, *Australia*, *If You Tolerate This Your Children Will Be Next*.

Also *You Stole The Sun From My Heart*, *The Masses Against The Classes*, *Empty Souls*, *There By The Grace Of God*, *Your Love Alone Is Not Enough* and *Autumn-song*.

Support will come from *The Joy Formidable*, a rock trio from North Wales fronted by singer and guitarist Ritzzy Bryan.

Tickets are £27.50 and the doors will open at 7pm.



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BE prepared for a theatrical roller-coaster ride as the master of psychological illusion returns to the stage in Birmingham with a brand new show Derren Brown: Svengali.

With 73 dates so far confirmed across the UK, including ten at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday, Derren again sets out to show why he is one of the world's most renowned live performers; a master of magic, mind control and manipulation. This is his fifth tour and is expected to sell out as quickly as Derren Brown: Enigman.

The mind-bending performer said: "I love writing and performing the stage shows more than anything. It'll be a full evening of mind-melting based around audience participation. More than that I wouldn't want to say."

"I ask audiences to keep the contents of the show a secret so as not to spoil it for others, and I have to do the same. But I hope it's fun and freaky and a great night out: that's what I aim for".

On stage as well as on TV Derren is in a class of his own. His Mind Control, Trick of the Mind, Trick or Treat and Events programmes have garnered rave reviews and awards. His specials



Derren Brown returns to the stage with Svengali

Derren's yet again playing mind games

have provoked much controversy and acclaim and further consolidated his reputation as a performer prepared to constantly challenge and break boundaries.

He has also received much praise for his best-selling books, Tricks of the Mind and Confessions of a Conjuror.

Radar tour a Big Deal

BRITISH and American music very rarely mix, but Big Deal may be the band to change this idea. The duo, made up of American Kacey Underwood and Brit Alice Costelloe, are the latest band to be announced on this year's NME Radar Tour, which hits Birmingham Academy 2 on May 11.

The line up is completed by Grouplove and headliner Anna Calvi, all looking to follow in the footsteps of The Killers, Friendly Fires and Bloc Party as acts who found success after the tour.

Despite only being together for less than a year, Big Deal create dreamy rich music. Tickets are £9, available from www.o2academybirmingham.co.uk

Buster hits Bullseye in canine Oliver! role

West Bromwich Operatic Society (WBOS) present Lionel Bart's hugely popular musical Oliver! at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from May 10 to 14.

Directed by Mike Capri, Oliver! stars Ben Evans from Wombourne, with Terry Gormley from Kinner as Fagin, Sarah Moors, of Sutton Coldfield as Nancy, Steve Coussens from Kidderminster as Bill Sykes, Mason Kelly from Sandwell as The Artful Dodger and Callum MacArthur from Walsall as Mr Bumble.

The children's chorus is made up of youngsters from all over the area and includes members of The Grand's Get-In Youth Scheme. Children were recruited following auditions last year. The society also held auditions to find a dog to play Bullseye and the successful applicant was English bull terrier Buster.

At the National Operatic and Dramatic Association Awards last week, WBOS won Best Production 2010 in the Black Country. The Society also won three top awards at this year's Birmingham & District Theatre Guild; Best Direction in a Musical went to Tim Brown and Oliver! Director Mike Capri for last year's Jesus Christ Superstar; long-standing WBOS member John Wetherall won Most Outstanding Male for his role in Beauty and The Beast. The society also scooped the top prize of Outstanding Achievement in A Musical for Beauty And The Beast. In total they were nominated for nine awards.

The Duchess of Dudley Lizzie Wiggins is top of the bill with Brummie comic Don Maclean for a Night At The Musical Hall, the second night of which is being held tonight (Thursday) at The Grand. It also features West Midlands entertainers Dave Sealey, ventriloquist

Ken Wood, musicians Adante and Wolverhampton soprano Sheila-Jane Wood, introduced by Duggie Chapman MBE.

Illusionist and mind trickster Derren Brown brings his new show Svengali to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre for 10 dates starting on Monday. It is described as not suitable for the under 12s.

Comedy legend John Cleese comes to Birmingham Hippodrome as part of his alimony tour on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Other comedy highlights include: Saturday, Cbeebies presenters Andy & Mike bring their Big Box of Bananas for a family show at Birmingham Town Hall at 11am; Paul



John Cleese - Alimony tour

Chowdhry takes political correctness head on in Not PC at Birmingham Town Hall on Saturday evening, or you can catch him at Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Hall on May 13; Trigger Happy TV and jungle veteran Dom Joly recalls his attempt to fly across the Grand Canyon strapped to a rocket and other anecdotes at Birmingham Town Hall on Monday and again at the Wulfrun Hall on Tuesday; Rob Rouse is at the Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton on Tuesday; Iran-born Shapli Khorsandi and Jon Richardson team up at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Thursday, May 12.

Barry Walker's Smackee go back to the 1950s and 60s for nostalgic musical show Memories Are Made Of Hits at Dudley Concert Hall for a 2pm matinee performance on Tuesday.

The stage at Stoke's Regent Theatre is turned into an ice rink for The Imperial Ice Stars' version of Swan Lake on Ice from Tuesday to Saturday. That's after Joe Longthorne entertains at the Regent on Sunday for one night only.

Michael Boyd's Macbeth continues at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford, as does Gregory Doran's version of 'lost' Shakespeare play Cardenio at the Swan in the same RSC theatre complex.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged!) are performed in around an hour and a half (that's 37 plays in 97 minutes) by the Tread The Boards Theatre Company at Birmingham pub theatre The Old Joint Stock tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. Rumchum present Chekhov's The Bear at the same venue on May 12, at 2pm and 8pm.

Birmingham Crescent Theatre has Six Characters in Search of an Author at the Ron Barber Studio from Saturday, May 7 to 14.

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HATTIE

BBC2, 9.45pm

Hattie Jacques. The well-worn phrase "larger than life" springs to mind whenever she's mentioned – as well as the infamous Carry On series of films. In fact, many people will know her only for the roles she played in those movies, but as this drama – originally broadcast on BBC Four in January – proves, there was an awful lot more than that to the actress, who died just over 30 years ago. She usually played "mummy" characters, yet in real life left her husband, future Dad's Army star John Le Mesurier, for a younger man. It's this period of her life that forms the basis of this drama. Ruth Jones is brilliantly cast in the title role alongside Robert Bathurst, Aiden Turner and Jeany Spark.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Football Focus. 12.10 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 12.30 Match of the Day Live. Coverage of a Championship match (Kick-off 12.45pm). 3.00 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Leeds Rhinos v Crusaders (Kick-off 3.15pm). 4.00 Final Score. 5.10 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 5.35 Don't Scare the Hare.

6.15 Doctor Who. 7.00 So You Think You Can Dance Live. Cat Deeley introduces the remaining contestants, who take to the stage once again in couples, hoping to avoid elimination by impressing the judges and winning viewers' votes. The results can be seen at 8.55pm.

8.05 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Game show in which strangers pair up to win money.

8.55 So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the fewest votes perform again.

9.25 Casualty. Jordan is forced to deal with the aftermath of Polly's death.

10.15 BBC News: Weather.

10.35 Match of the Day: National Lottery Update.

11.55 The Football League Show. Highlights of the final regular weekend of the season; Weatherview.

1.30 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 11.00 Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix – Qualifying. Live coverage of the session at Istanbul Park (Start-time 12.00pm). 1.30 The Sky at Night. (R) 1.50 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 2.35 Film: Legend. (1985) Fantasy adventure, with Tom Cruise. 4.00 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Leeds Rhinos v Crusaders. 5.30 Flog It! (R)

6.00 FILM: Carry On at Your Convenience. (1971) An over-eager trade union representative calls a strike at a toilet factory, but unrest is quelled by a trip to the seaside. Comedy, starring Sid James and Kenneth Williams.

7.30 Dad's Army. A secret weapon goes haywire and threatens Walmington-on-Sea. (R)

8.00 Versailles: The Dream of a King. Docu-drama recreating the life and loves of Louis XIV. (R)

9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Alexander Armstrong hosts, with guests Ross Noble and Victoria Coren. (R)

9.45 Hattie. Drama, starring Ruth Jones.

11.10 This Is Your Life. A tribute to actress Hattie Jacques. (R)

11.40 Later with Jools Holland. With Adele, R Kelly and Young the Giant. (R)

12.45 Film: Swimming with Sharks. (1994) Black comedy, starring Kevin Spacey.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 House Gift. (R) 9.25 Coronation Street. 12.10 This Morning: Saturday. 1.10 ITV News: Weather. 1.15 Monk. 2.10 Totally You've Been Framed! (R) 3.10 Film: The Man with the Golden Gun. (1974) James Bond thriller, starring Roger Moore. 5.30 Regional Programmes. 5.45 ITV News: Weather.

6.00 New People Do the Funniest Things. Featuring a selection of viewer-submitted comical clips, including the world's weirdest homes and a man who can pull trains with his teeth.

7.00 Sing if You Can. Jedward, Faye Tozer and Sinitta take on Toyah Willcox, Ben Richards and Sian Reeves, with X Factor judge Louis Walsh among the panellists. Keith Lemon and Stacey Solomon host.

8.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the latest round of auditions.

9.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: David Hasselhoff. The Britain's Got Talent judge talks about his career and personal life.

10.00 ITV News: Weather.

10.15 FILM: Magnum Force. (1973) Action thriller sequel, starring Clint Eastwood.

12.25 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 Swintown. (R)

3.15 ITV News: Weather. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 British GT Championship. 7.25 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.50 T4: Friends. (R) 9.20 T4: Koko Pop. 9.50 T4: Friends. (R) 10.25 T4: Glee. 11.20 T4: Great British Hairdresser. 12.25 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.55 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.20 That Paralympic Show. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 4.25 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 4.55 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 5.30 Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under. A woman hosts an Italian-themed night.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv.

7.00 River Cottage Autumn Collection. Highlights from the seasonal series. (R)

8.00 The Untold Battle of Trafalgar. The role of foreign sailors in the Royal Navy during the Battle of Trafalgar. (R)

9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.

10.20 Stand Up for the Week.

11.10 FILM: What Lies Beneath. (2000) Supernatural thriller, starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Harrison Ford.

1.35 Atlantic. (R) 1.40 No, No, No. (R) 1.45 Lucky Escape. (R) 1.50 Gone Fishing. (R) 2.05 Ugly Betty. (R) 2.50 Running in Heels. (R) 4.25 Hill Street Blues. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Meals in Moments. (R) 10.10 How Do They Do It? (R) 10.40 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.40 Film: Ben-Hur. (1959) Oscar-winning epic, starring Charlton Heston. 3.50 Film: The Train Robbers. (1973) Western, starring John Wayne. 5.35 Film: The Green Berets. (1968) Vietnam War adventure, starring John Wayne.

8.15 5 News Weekend.

8.20 NCIS. Gibbs tries to extract information from a convict on death row about where he hid his victims – but the killer proves reluctant to confess. (R)

9.15 CSI: Miami. Horatio and the team discover a woman's body in a secret tunnel leading to a bank vault – and the subsequent investigation leads them to a millionaire's wayward daughter. (R)

10.15 CSI: NY. An old man is fatally shot in a subway, but further investigation reveals the victim is in fact a woman wearing a disguise, and the team struggles to determine her true identity.

11.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A link is found between two very different cases. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. 4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 Nick's Quest. (R) 4.35 HouseBusters. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
4.45 Film: Twister (1996) 7.00 Superhuman: Super Strong 8.00 Homes from Hell 9.00 Britain's Got More Talent 10.00 Celebrity Juice 10.45 Film: The Matrix (1999)

ITV3
3.40 A Touch of Frost 5.55 Inspector Morse 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Foyle's War 11.05 Film: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kolkata Knight Riders v Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians v Delhi DareDevils. 7.30 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 9.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights 10.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 11.00 Film: Casino (1995)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who Confidential 7.45 Top Gear 8.45 Pop's Greatest Dance Craze 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 9.45 Family Guy 10.50 Family Guy Presents: Seth and Alex's Almost Live Comedy Show 11.00 Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Tiger – Spy in the Jungle 8.00 If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home 9.00 Spiral 10.50 The Lighthouse Stevensons 11.50 Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Make It or Break It 5.00 Friends 6.00 Glee 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 How I Met Your Mother 9.00 Friends 10.00 Film: Alien Resurrection (1997)

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3.00 The Poseidon Adventure (1972) 5.15 Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (1984) 7.15 The Simpsons Movie (2007) 9.00 Iron Man (2008) 11.20 Pan's Labyrinth (2006)

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LORD SUGAR TACKLES FOOTBALL

BBC2, 9pm
Anybody with an income of £2billion a year should be laughing all the way to the bank. That's the kind of figures English Premier League clubs are reputedly pulling in every year thanks to TV, match-day and sponsorship revenue – so why are so many of them up to their stadium rooftops in debt? Lord Sugar aims to find out in what should be an eye-opening documentary. While investigating the financial problems facing football, he interviews bosses, owners, agents and players to ask what has gone wrong – and what can be done to solve the issues he raises.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 The Politics Show: Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.10 Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix Live. The fourth race of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). 3.25 Escape to the Country. 4.25 Life of Riley. (R) 4.55 Points of View. 5.10 Songs of Praise. 5.45 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

6.10 Land Girls. (R) 7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker visits Cornwall's Penwith Peninsula, the westernmost point in mainland Britain, to meet a seascape artist, and Julia Bradbury cooks a dish using Japanese knotweed. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Hutton-in-the-Forest, a country house in Cumbria, where items up for valuation include a painting that was once used for target practice.

9.00 Atlantis. Historical drama, starring Stephanie Leonidas and Reece Ritchie.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.25 The Gatwick Baby: Abandoned at Birth. 11.25 FILM: Irresistible. (2006) Thriller, starring Susan Sarandon; Weatherview.

1.05 Sign Zone: MasterChef. 2.05 Holby City. 3.05 Churches: How to Read Them. 3.35 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) 12.30 Britain's Empty Homes. (R) 1.00 EastEnders. 2.55 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Halifax RLFC v Bradford Bulls (Kick-off 3.15pm). 5.30 Film: The Red Baron. (2008) First World War biopic, starring Matthias Schweighöfer.

7.10 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. New series. The design secrets of Dubai's Burj Al Arab hotel.

8.00 Britain's Secret Seas. New series. Paul Rose, Tooni Mahto and Frank Pope explore the waters surrounding Britain, beginning with marine life off the coasts of Cornwall, South Wales and Devon.

9.00 Lord Sugar Tackles Football. The businessman and former Tottenham Hotspur chairman investigates the financial problems affecting English football, and proposes his own solutions to help the game.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester United v Chelsea.

11.10 The Shadow Line. (R) 12.10 Film: Ae Fond Kiss. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Atta Yaqub and Eva Birthistle. 1.50 BBC News. 3.35 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 May the Best House Win. (R) 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 10.25 Sing if You Can. (R) 11.30 This Morning: Sunday. 12.30 Dinner Date. (R) 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.40 Film: Columbo: Prescription Murder. (1968) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 3.40 Britain's Got Talent. (R) 4.40 Film: About a Boy. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette.

6.30 Regional Programmes. 6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The Cube. A penguin keeper and a 31-year-old man take up the challenge, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of the cube to win a jackpot of £250,000. Hosted by Phillip Schofield.

8.00 Vera. DCI Vera Stanhope sets out to solve the murder of a teenage girl 11 years earlier, exposing the secrets and lies of a close-knit community. Hugo Speer guest stars.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 Perspectives: Robson Green and the Pitmen Painters. Actor explores how a group of 1930s miners became artists.

11.15 Surgery School. (R) 12.15 Premiership Rugby Union. 1.00 The Zone; ITV News. 2.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 2.55 Motorsport UK. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 That Paralympic Show. (R) 7.30 Freeports on 4. 7.55 T4: The Crush. 8.20 T4: Friends. (R) 8.50 T4: Hollyoaks. 11.20 T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) 11.55 T4: Glee. (R) 12.50 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.25 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.55 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 8.00 Little Princess. (R) 8.15 Funky Valley. (R) 8.20 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.30 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Olivia. (R) 9.15 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.30 Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) 10.00 OK! TV Sunday. 11.00 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) 12.00 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 1.00 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 2.00 The King's Speech: Revealed. (R) 3.00 Film: Short Circuit 2. (1988) Sci-fi comedy sequel, with Fisher Stevens. 5.05 5 News Weekend. 5.10 Film: Sinsbad and the Eye of the Tiger. (1977) Fantasy adventure, starring Patrick Wayne.

6.30 Channel 4 News. 6.55 4thought.tv.

7.00 Come Dine with Me. Four dinner-party hosts compete in east London.

8.00 The Hotel. A couple's third anniversary becomes a night to forget.

9.00 FILM: How to Lose Friends & Alienate People. (2008) Premiere. A self-promoting writer lands a job at a fashion magazine, but struggles to adapt to the world of celebrity. Comedy, starring Simon Pegg, Kirsten Dunst and Jeff Bridges.

11.10 FILM: Big Momma's House. (2000) Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence.

1.00 Japan Disaster Benefit. (R) 1.45 Film: Kontroll. (2003) 3.45 Civilization: Is the West History? (R) 4.40 Great British Brands. (R) 4.55 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.40 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) 6.50 The Beeps. (R) 7.00 Miao. (R) 7.10 Chiro. (R) 7.15 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 7.30 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.40 Hana's Helpline. (R) 7.55 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 8.00 Little Princess. (R) 8.15 Funky Valley. (R) 8.20 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.30 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Olivia. (R) 9.15 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.30 Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) 10.00 OK! TV Sunday. 11.00 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) 12.00 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 1.00 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 2.00 The King's Speech: Revealed. (R) 3.00 Film: Short Circuit 2. (1988) Sci-fi comedy sequel, with Fisher Stevens. 5.05 5 News Weekend. 5.10 Film: Sinsbad and the Eye of the Tiger. (1977) Fantasy adventure, starring Patrick Wayne.

7.25 FILM: X2. (2003) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Hugh Jackman.

10.00 The Walking Dead. 11.05 FILM: The Dentist. (1996) Horror, starring Corbin Bernsen.

12.55 Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) 1.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 4.10 UEFA Europa League Highlights. 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.00 Film: Twister (1996) 5.15 Britain's Got Talent 6.15 The Only Way Is Essex 8.00 Kerry Katona: The Next Chapter 9.00 Peter Andre: The Next Chapter 10.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: David Hasselhoff 11.00 Film: The Bucket List (2008)

ITV3
3.10 Film: Fiddler on the Roof (1971) 6.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot 7.50 The Best of Mr Bean 9.00 Film: Gorillas in the Mist (1988) 11.40 Film: Dolores Claiborne (1995)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Pune Warriors. 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: National Lampoon's Animal House (1978) 11.15 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE
7.00 Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix Highlights 8.00 Doctor Who 8.45 Doctor Who Confidential 9.00 Little Britain 9.30 Family Guy: Groundbreaking Gags 10.00 Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 A History of Christianity 8.00 The Secret Life of the National Grid 9.00 The Secret Life of Waves 10.00 Film: Jar City (2006) 11.30 Classic Albums

E4
3.50 Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003) 6.00 Friends 7.00 90210 7.55 Friends 9.00 Desperate Housewives 11.00 Being Erica 11.55 Film: Alien Resurrection (1997)

FILM4
3.10 The Cat Returns (2002) 4.45 Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961) 6.55 Three Men and a Cradle (1987) 8.55 Attack the Block Special 9.00 Along Came a Spider (2001) 11.00 The Descent (2005)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.30 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Atlantic: The Evidence - A Timewatch Special. (R) 8.00 Business Nightmares with Evan Davis. 9.00 Children's Craniofacial Surgery. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. (R) 12.10 BBC News. 4.00 Close.

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Channel 4 6.05 The Hoobs. (R) 6.30 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Friends. (R) 9.00 Wife Swap USA. (R) 9.55 Relocation. (R) 10.55 A Place by the Sea. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Make Do & Mend. 12.35 Film: First Men in the Moon. (1964) Sci-fi adventure, with Lionel Jeffries and Edward Judd. 2.35 Baking Mad with Eric Lahti. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Bankers Birthday. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Secret Millionaire. 10.00 Campus. 11.05 Mistle. 12.10 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 1.10 Freepsports on 4. (R) 1.40 The Grid. (R) 2.05 British GT Championship. (R) 2.30 Film: Superbike World Championship. 3.00 KOTV Going Weekly. 3.25 FIVE Beach Volleyball. (R) 4.20 Catching the Impossible. (R) 5.10 Full Metal Challenge. (R)

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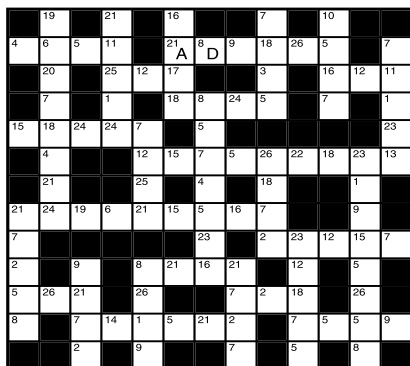
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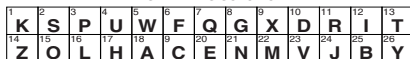
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Stay well away from work! (8)
- A letter is itself sent back from the continent (4)
- Issue a period return (4)
- Fit as a lithe cat might be (8)
- Entangle wool and express displeasure (5)
- Bitterly continues a row with the French (7)
- Paper clip, perhaps, to keep things secure (5,8)
- It's quite fair to sing about wine (8)
- Birds can do it with their eyes shut (4)
- He's particular about his fare (7)
- A cleansing operation partly under water (5)
- Ties for position (4)
- Supporters of horse-riders (8)

Down

- She gives patient advice on social problems (7)
- Restricts in rents perhaps (7)
- Go into a tent containing main ingredients for amusement (13)
- Prepared scheme - for winning a game of tennis? (3,4)
- He charges a couple of hundred to the employer (7)
- It plays a starring role but doesn't shine (6)
- Have the company of constables on a ship (7)
- I will be bound to feature a lot in his conversation (7)
- Leave to expound? (3,3)
- Authorise a backward Middle East nation (7)
- Balances used in eleven supermarkets (5,2)

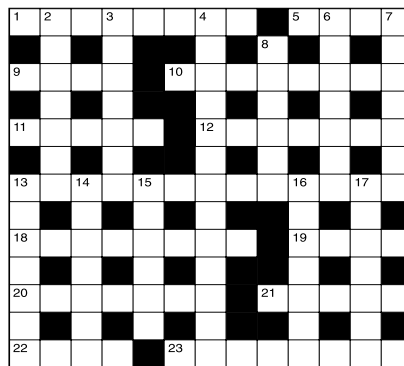
Quick Clues:

Across

- As a fact (8)
- Heroic poem (4)
- Indigent (4)
- Quarrel (8)
- Sudden thrust (5)
- Anointing (7)
- Emotionally (13)
- Theatrical (8)
- Pipe (4)
- Building (7)
- Trap (5)
- Wise man (4)
- Gather (8)

Down

- End (7)
- Vertical (7)
- Absence of haste (13)
- Biased (7)
- Smoothly (7)
- Surgical instrument (6)
- Melancholy (7)
- Approaching (7)
- A sloping type (6)
- Word meaning complete opposite (7)
- Bounteous (7)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Repose; 4 Passed; 9 Paying tribute; 10 Ash-tray; 11 Badge; 12 March; 14 Means; 18 Leave; 19 Thimble; 21 Trysting-place; 22 Detest; 23 Blades. Down: 1 Replay; 8 Stays; 13 Creates; 15 Slated; 16 Alone; 17 Defers; 20 Impel. QUICK - Across: 1 Bridge; 4 Fencer; 9 Unconditional; 10 Honesty; 11 Treat; 12 Vital; 14 Weepy; 18 Alert; 19 Radiate; 21 Transposition; 2 Eyelet; 23 Reveal. Down: 1 Bought; 2 Inconsiderate; 3 Links; 5 Epistle; 6 Contemplative; 7 Relate; 8 Sibyl; 13 Artists; 15 Cattle; 16 Droop; 17 Vernal; 20 Drive.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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Russell Watson, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

A PACKED Symphony Hall erupted into hero worship for Russell Watson as 'The People's Tenor' was given a standing ovation before even singing a note.

In his own words, the welcome he received gave him goosebumps. Watson skipped and danced on to the stage, looking fit and well, with no hint of the health problems that have dogged him recently. Classics from some of his earlier albums, along with numbers from his most recent release, *La Voce*, were all delivered with incredible energy, drama and passion.

Backed by a 40-piece orchestra and wonderful singers, 'The Voice' opened up with *Somebody from West Side Story* and went on to present a good mixture of arias, along with covers of popular songs.

Nessun Dorma was breathtaking while Mary Jess, winner of China's version of the *X Factor* joined him for songs from the Phantom of the Opera, Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory had the entire audience on their feet with some waving flags. Coming down from the stage, singing *Volare*, he mingled with the fans shaking their hands and they in return showered him with gifts.

LESL JOWETT

Solid Silver 60s Show, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

IT was the silver haired teenagers' night to party at the Grand Theatre for The Solid Silver 60s show. Aching joints were stretched to the limit as the audience stood and clapped along to the songs that reminded them of their youth. Non-stop hits of the decade were played by original groups that have matured just like those of us in the crowd.

Vanity Fair's *Hi Ho Silver Lining*, followed by *Early in the Morning* and *Hitching a Ride* started the party atmosphere. Wayne Fontana in his white cowboy hat and long white hair was greeted with cheers for *Om Om Om*, *Game of Love* and *Pamela*. Blues/Soul singer Chris Farlowe mesmerised the audience with *Unchain My Heart*, *Handbags and Gladrags* and *Out of Time*, while Dave Berry appeared behind the curtain showing his trademark white gloved hand. His songs included *Little Things*, *Momma* and the sensational *Crying Game*.

Terry Sylvester, formerly of The Hollies, sang their hits *Just One Look* and *He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother*.

The Mersey Beats' *Wishing and Hoping*, *Sorrow* and renditions of The Everly Brothers hits went down a storm. Sadly the night came to an end far too quickly but a good time was had by all.

LESL JOWETT

The Essence of Ireland, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

IRISH eyes were smiling at the Grand Theatre for the fabulous *Essence Of Ireland* show.

The audience could not fail to be mesmerised by a good mixture of infectious traditional music together with a touch of Irish craic and spectacular dancing.

The crowd's love of the music was immediately obvious from the opening performance of an outstanding lone girl playing the fiddle. Exploding on to the stage like thunder, the magnificent sound of the awesome dancers' taps had the hairs on the back of my neck standing on end. There was not a sound to be heard from the audience as they listened for every click of the dancers' never-still feet.

Energetic, graceful dance routines with incredible high kicks and flicks were breathtaking and performed with such perfect timing. A superb live band provided foot-tapping music for *The Wild Rover*, *Molly Malone*, *Galway Girl* and *The Irish Rover*. Solos of the emotional *Danny Boy*, the beautiful theme from *Titanic* and *Westlife's You Raise Me Up* received rapturous applause before a standing ovation followed three encores.

LESL JOWETT

Macbeth, Royal Shakespeare Theatre

DIRECTOR Michael Boyd's version of *Macbeth* is a bloody exploration of evil, ambition and guilt with a powerful central performance from Jonathan Slinger as the selfish tyrant.

This first production in the transformed Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon makes full use of the 'thrust' stage, on three sides surrounded by the audience, which is a larger version of the gallery Courtyard Theatre which was the Royal Shakespeare Company's home in recent years.

Actors enter from all angles, dangling from the ceiling, erupting from under the stage, running through the audience, or via smashed stained glass windows in Tom Piper's impressive ruined, cannon-blashed church set, where piles of debris smoulder and religious icons have been defaced. It suggests a time of turmoil and danger.

The distant thuds of explosive-like drums and the minimal notes from the trio of cellists provide a menacing soundscape and the pseudo-Elizabethan and leather costumes are effective.

Enter Macbeth, victor in the Scottish civil wars, who takes a supernatural prophecy as his cue to murder his king and claim the crown for himself, after the encouragement of his wife.

Not that Slinger's Macbeth needed much encouragement.

He is a smiling devil whose doubts and



Jonathan Slinger and Aislinn McGuckin as the Macbeths. Photograph by Ellie Kurtz/RSC

brief regrets are more to do with cowardice than human kindness or empathy. His wife knows this and it is she who is driven insane by guilt. Aislinn McGuckin as Lady Macbeth gives a harrowing "out damned spot" scene. Slinger spits out Shakespeare's lines with clarity and total conviction as the murdering tyrant, surely related to his memorable Richard III performed at Stratford a few years ago.

Youngsters take a central role. The witches, the Weird Sisters, become instead the Weird Children, and make their first appearance hanging from the ceiling like corpses on a gallows as they sing their prophecies to Macbeth and Banquo. The effect is very eerie and the audience later learn exactly who these ghostly children are.

Excellent support comes from the brawny tough guy Macduff of Aidan Kelly and Caroline Martin as the bitter Lady Macduff. Scott Handy radiates sorrow as Ross, the appalled witness to Macbeth's excess, and Howard Charles is gently impressive as the mild Malcolm, son of the murdered King Duncan, who finds enough steel in himself to take on Macbeth.

This is a production brimming with ideas, of which some work and some don't. Jamie Beamish's firework antics, as Seyton the gatekeeper, are baffling. Also, a scene with a multitude of dangling dolls to represent Banquo's heirs looks more Cabbage Patch than voodoo vision.

But the banquet scene is a triumph. Steve Toussaint's very physical ghost of the powerful dreadlocked Banquo comes crashing through a door to reduce Macbeth to a gibbering wreck.

This is a play in which the dead will not lie down. Then the scene is repeated without the ghost to show just how demented Macbeth must seem to his guests.

Be warned, the scene in which the throats of Macduff's children are slit as their watching mother is throttled is horrifying, but such an atrocity should be seen as horrifying.

Slinger's Macbeth seems to tire of his own malicious, duplicitous nature, musing upon death from his perch atop a ladder thrust out of the stage as his enemies close in.

In a world where smiling tyrants still cling to power via assassination and massacre, Macbeth remains relevant and fresh, and will remain so as long as men fall prey to "vaulting ambition". Macbeth continues at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre until October 6.

LEON BURAKOWSKI

Fantastic Mr Fox the opera, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

ENGLISH Touring Opera aims to encourage a young audience to experience opera with this adaptation of Roald Dahl's farmyard tale, first performed in California in 1998. A barely half full theatre for this one night suggests they have some way to go in achieving this.

However, 20 local youngsters had their first experience of appearing in an opera with children from Wolverhampton's East Park Junior and Woden Primary schools playing fox cubs and trees.

The witty libretto by Donald Sturrock and Tobias Picker's music, a mix of bucolic Vaughan Williams-like incidental music and operatic pastiche, deserved a bigger audience.

It was good to have an orchestra in the Grand's pit, though they sometimes overpowered the vocals meaning lyrics were lost, despite selective surtitles shown on TV screens in the theatre's boxes.

Nicholas Merryweather was a swaggering Mr Fox complete with Rod Stewart-esque 70s hairstyle. Impressive vocal performances came from Miriam Sharrad's Mrs Fox, Welsh soprano Catrine Kirkman's lonely Miss Hedgehog, Carly Hughes' prancing Rita Rat and mezzo soprano Fiona Kimm as the Valkyrie-like digging machine Agnes.

But there was a feeling of anti-climax as the story seemed to fizzle out. It was Mediocre Mr Fox.

LEON BURAKOWSKI



Fantastic Mr Fox at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

Katie Melua, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

THE little lady in black showed she is a performer of enormous talent and contrast, switching seamlessly between rock chick, torch singer and playful songstress. Appearing first as a disembodied voice with her hit *Closest Thing To Crazy* the crystal clear tone of the Georgian singer sliced across the hall until it finally split the curtain to reveal the star looking both sexy and the innocent, girl next door.

Katie extolled the pain of love through tracks like *If You Were A Sailboat*, the dark, slightly sinister *I'd Love To Kill You* - a track from latest album *The House* - *The One I Love Is Gone* and *Call Off The Search*. This contrasted with her rock/blues chick side which came through on her cover of Canned Heat's *Going Up The Country* and *God On Drums*, *Devil On The Bass*. To further demonstrate her versatility she did a solo, soulful rendition of *Lilac Wine*, made famous by Elkie Brooks.

Katie let her more playful side take stage with *Tiny Alien* and *Red Balloons*, accompanied by videos and graphics projected onto the back screen. She kept her biggest hit, *Nine Millions Bicycles*, for the encore after an appreciative audience refused to budge until Miss Melua came back on stage. She finally said goodbye with the hauntingly sung *I Ored For You*.

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 ● gated entrance with parking ● Garage
 Offers around £134,950



CHERRY TREE AVENUE, YEW TREE
 ● Well presented two bed semi
 ● Gas ch and upvc d/g
 ● Lounge/Dining Room ● Modern fitted Kitchen
 ● Upstairs Bathroom ● Good sized rear garden
 Offers around £112,500



PARKLAND GARDENS, BIRMINGHAM ROAD, WALSALL
 ● Beautifully Presented Two Bed Second Floor Apartment
 ● Electric Under Floor Heating and UPVC Double Glazing
 ● Hall ● Attractive Lounge ● Modern Fitted Kitchen
 ● Stylish Bathroom ● Exceptionally Maintained Communal Gardens ● GARAGE
 Offers around £112,950



WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, WALSALL
 ● Well presented three bedroom mid-terrace
 ● Electric heating & mostly double glazing
 ● Two Reception ● Good sized fitted Kitchen
 ● Downstairs Bathroom ● Three Bedrooms
 ● Box Room ● Yard ● Rear garden.
 Offers around £85,950

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REDUCED TO OFFERS £240,000



POOLES LANE, WILLENHALL

- Four bedroomed detached
- Refurbished and extended
- Two reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Fitted kitchen
- En-suite

OFFERS £235,000



KEWSTOKE ROAD, WILLENHALL

- Four Bedroomed Detached House
- Refitted Kitchen with Granite worktops and integral Appliances
- Refitted guests W.C. and Bathroom
- Side Driveway and Garage
- Fore and Rear Gardens
- UPVC double glazing and Gas central Heating

OFFERS £205,000



BRADGATE CLOSE, SHORT HEATH

- Four Bedroomed Detached
- Deceptively Spacious Accommodation
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Guest Cloakroom
- Integral Garage

OFFERS £179,995



GREENHILL CLOSE, WILLENHALL

- Link detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Popular area close to Summer Hayes
- Central heating and double glazing
- Garage
- Gardens front and rear

OFFERS £139,950



CHAUCER AVENUE, WILLENHALL

- Modern Three Bedroomed Semi-detached
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front Driveway and rear garden
- Side Garage
- Possible opportunity to buy on 50% shared ownership

OFFERS £124,950 or £62,500 for 50% share



ST GEORGES STREET, DARLASTON

- Three Bed Semi-Detached
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Wide Reception Hall
- L-Shaped Lounge/Dining Room
- Integral Garage

REDUCED TO OFFERS £112,500



ALL SAINTS ROAD, DARLASTON

- Detached Home with Potential
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen & Utility Room
- Detached Garage & Side Driveway

OFFERS £122,500



ALEXANDRA ROAD, KINGS HILL, WEDNESBURY

- Three Bed Town House
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen with Hob and Oven
- Off-road Parking Facilities
- Enclosed Rear Garden

OFFERS £109,950



LAWNSIDE GREEN, BILSTON

- Three Bedroomed Semi-Detached
- Guest Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Fore and Rear Gardens
- In need of some upgrading

OFFERS £79,950



COBDEN STREET, WALSALL

- ★ Mid Terrace Property
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Two Bedrooms & Bathroom
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Downstairs WC
- ★ UPVC DG & GCH

£525pcm



DAW END LANE, RUSHALL

- ★ Terraced Property
- ★ Lounge & Kitchen
- ★ Bathroom & Cloakroom
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Garden
- ★ GCH & DG

£500pcm



WINDRUSH CLOSE, PELSALL

- ★ Ground Floor Apartment
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ Storage Heaters
- ★ Parking Space

£495pcm



FISHER STREET, WILLENHALL

- ★ Extended & refurbished terrace
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Dining room
- ★ Downstairs guest WC
- ★ Refurbished family bathroom
- ★ Private rear garden
- ★ GCH & UPVC DG

£450pcm



HASKELL STREET, WALSALL

- ★ Terraced House
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ One Reception Room
- ★ Downstairs Bathroom
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Gas Central heating

£425PCM



HARRINGWORTH COURT, SHEFFIELD

- ★ First floor flat
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Lounge/dining Room
- ★ Kitchen & Bathroom
- ★ DG & Storage Heaters
- ★ Garage & Parking

£420pcm



OLD BIRCHILLS, WALSALL

- ★ Terraced House
- ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ Lounge & Dining Room
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ DG & GCH
- ★ Rear Garden

£400pcm



HOLDEN CRESCENT, WALSALL

- ★ One Bed Maisonette
- ★ Hall, Lounge
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Shower
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Storage heaters

£325pcm



SANDWELL COURT, LYSWAYS STREET, WALSALL

- ★ Second Floor Flat
- ★ One Bedroom
- ★ Kitchen with appliances
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- ★ Furnished

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- Through Lounge/Diner
- Driveway/Integral Garage
- Sorry NO DHSS

£525 PCM



Broad Lane Essington

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Sorry NO DHSS

£525 PCM



Dorchster Road Willenhall

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Front Driveway with Gates
- Sorry no DHSS, Smokers or Pets

£525 PCM



Borneo Street Walsall

- Three Bedroom House
- Two Reception rooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Bathroom
- Rear Garden/Sorry No DHSS

£500 PCM



Waterfront Way Walsall

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Bathroom with Shower
- Secure Allocated Parking
- Communal Entrance/Sorry no DHSS

£495 PCM



Well Lane Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Wet Room
- Large Driveway/ Large Rear Garden
- DHSS Accepted

£495 PCM



Goscote Lane Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Entrance Hall/ Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C./ Front garden
- Off Road Parking/ Double Glazing
- Central Heating/ DHSS Accepted

£495 PCM



Stanley Street Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge/ Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway/ Sorry No DHSS

£495 PCM



New Forest Road WALSALL

- Two Bedroom Semi
- Fitted Kitchen ● Family Bathroom
- Lounge ● Garage
- Sorry No DHSS

£475 PCM



Blakenall Heath & Guild Court Walker Road

- Two Bedroom Apartments
- Lounge/Kitchen ● Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating ● Double Glazing
- DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



May Street WALSALL

- Three Bedroom Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Kitchen/ DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



Yemscroft, Lichfield Road Rushall

- Two Bed Top Floor Flats
- Lounge ● Kitchen with Appliances
- Bathroom ● Shared Communal Gardens
- Sorry no DHSS, Smokers or Pets

From £450 PCM



High Street Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom Flat
- Large Lounge/ Kitchen with integrated cooker
- Double Glazing/ Electric Heating
- Off Road Parking/ DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



Rowland Street Walsall

- Two Bedrooms
- One Reception room
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden
- DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



Bridge Street Lofts Walsall

- Two Bedrooms
- One Reception room
- Heating/ Secure Entrance
- Sorry No DHSS

£450 PCM



West Street Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Two Reception rooms, ● New Carpets
- New Kitchen, Newly decorated
- DHSS Accepted.

£450 PCM



Penblebury Close Walsall

- Two Bedroom Second Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Allocated Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Sorry NO DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£450 PCM



Marton Court Bloxwich

- Two bedroom apartment
- Fitted kitchen, Lounge
- Double glazing & Heating
- DHSS Accepted

£430 PCM



Fountains Road Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing/ Central Heating
- DHSS Accepted

£430 PCM



Sherlock Close Willenhall

- One Bed First Floor Flat
- Kitchen with all appliances
- Electric Heating/ Rear Garden
- DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM



Bryan Road Walsall

- Two Bedroom terrace
- Fitted kitchen
- Rear garden
- Off-road parking
- Sorry No DHSS

£425 PCM



Tanners Court Walsall

- One & Two Bed Apartments
- Lounge/ Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom with Shower
- Sorry No DHSS

From £425 PCM



Foster Street Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom End Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen/ DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM



Harrison Street Bloxwich

- Two Bedroomed First Flat
- Lounge/ Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing/ Electric heating
- DHSS Accepted

£385 PCM



Bloxwich Road Walsall

- One Bedroom Flat
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS Accepted

£380 PCM



Lincoln Road Walsall

- Three Bedroom Flat
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Off Road Parking/ DHSS Accepted

£375 PCM



Wolverhampton Road Bloxwich

- One Bedroom Flat
- Lounge/ Kitchen
- Shower Room/ Loft Bedroom
- Double Glazing/ DHSS Accepted

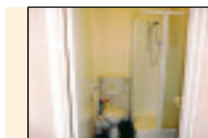
£375 PCM



Broad Lane Bloxwich

- One Bed First Floor Masonette
- Lounge ● Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- DHSS Accepted

£325 PCM



Green Lane Walsall

- One Bed Flat - Self - Contained
- Large Lounge
- Kitchen/ Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating/ Sorry no DHSS

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WILLENHALL SENNEEN CLOSE

- ★ Modern style detached property
- ★ Generous corner position
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Garage and off road parking
- ★ Potential to extend (subject to planning permission)
- ★ No related chain

£160,000 OFFERS



ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE

- ★ Traditional style bay fronted detached property
- ★ Popular and much requested location
- ★ In need of modernisation
- ★ Excellent potential for improvement
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Part UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Solid fuel central heating system

£149,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



SNEYD PARK, WILLENHALL CRANLEIGH CLOSE

- ★ Pleasantly appointed extended semi detached property
- ★ Much sought after Sneyd Park location
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Extended refitted dining kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and gas central heating
- ★ Family bathroom with shower
- ★ Garage and block paved driveway
- ★ Lovely established rear garden with paved patio

£162,500 OFFERS



WILLENHALL TAVERNERS CLOSE

- ★ Pleasantly appointed first floor flat
- ★ One bedroom
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Double glazing
- ★ Bathroom with white suite
- ★ Allotment parking
- ★ Ideal first time buy or buy to let

£74,995 OFFERS IN THE REGION



SHORT HEATH BLOXWICH ROAD NORTH

- ★ Spacious traditional style semi detached property
- ★ Popular Short Heath location
- ★ Ideal first time buy or buy to let
- ★ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ★ Upstairs bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- ★ Majority UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Generous rear garden

£159,950 OFFERS



NEW INVENTION LICHFIELD ROAD

- ★ End town house style property
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ 17ft fitted dining kitchen
- ★ Upstairs bathroom with white suite
- ★ Ideal first time purchase
- ★ No related chain

£94,950 offers



WILLENHALL TEMPLE BAR

- ★ Modern style and town house
- ★ Ideal first time purchase or investment purchase
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Upstairs bathroom with shower
- ★ 14ft rear lounge
- ★ Gardens to front and rear
- ★ No chain
- ★ Internal viewing recommended

£65,000



WILLENHALL LONGWOOD RISE

- ★ Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- ★ Popular location off Stroud Avenue
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Superb refitted dining kitchen with appliances
- ★ Fitted bathroom with shower
- ★ Garage and ample parking

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £139,950, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL PACKWOOD CLOSE

- ★ Pleasantly appointed town house style property
- ★ Ideal for first time purchasers
- ★ Popular location near to Pool Hayes School
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ 19ft through lounge
- ★ Gardens and off road parking

£96,995 OFFERS



WEDNESFIELD WOOD AVENUE

- ★ Superb traditional style semi detached property
- ★ Ideal for first time purchase or investment purchase
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Fitted kitchen in oven, hob, fridge and freezer
- ★ Pleasant rear garden with block paved patio
- ★ Potential to extend (subject to planning perm)

£105,000 OFFERS



WILLENHALL BARNETT ROAD

- ★ Much improved traditional style town house
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazing
- ★ Refitted breakfast kitchen in oven and hob
- ★ Refitted bathroom with shower/freestand
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ No chain

£84,995 OFFERS



WEDNESFIELD YALE DRIVE

- ★ Beautifully presented modern detached property in popular location
- ★ Three bedrooms with en-suite
- ★ Large and separate dining room
- ★ UPVC double glazing and gas central heating
- ★ Fitted breakfast kitchen and separate utility
- ★ Garage and off road parking
- ★ Newly refitted rear garden with paved patio

£172,500 OFFERS



WILLENHALL JONES ROAD

- ★ Excellent modern style semi detached property
- ★ Holiday Heath development
- ★ Planning permission granted for a two storey side extension
- ★ Cul-de-sac position
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Fitted bathroom with white suite and shower
- ★ Recent 15' front lounge
- ★ Enclosed rear garden

£110,000 OFFERS



NEW INVENTION JONES ROAD

- ★ Deceptively spacious traditional style semi detached property
- ★ Generous corner plot with potential to add or extend (subject to planning permission)
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Majority UPVC double glazing
- ★ Garage and off road parking
- ★ Excellent potential for improvement

£99,950 NO CHAIN



WOLVERHAMPTON WILLENHALL ROAD

- ★ Versatile, well-appointed town house style property
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Modern bathroom with en-suite shower
- ★ Bedrooms two with en-suite shower room
- ★ 14ft long dining kitchen in oven and hob
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Garage and block paved driveway

£155,000 OFFERS



WILLENHALL SHEPHERD DRIVE

- ★ End town house style property near to Pool Hayes school
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ 19ft through lounge
- ★ Upstairs bathroom with shower
- ★ Generous rear garden
- ★ Internal viewing recommended

£110,000 OFFERS



WILLENHALL YORK AVENUE

- ★ Pleasant first floor maisonette
- ★ Popular County Bridge location
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Double glazing
- ★ Excellent refitted kitchen with appliances
- ★ Fitted bathroom with shower
- ★ Block paved driveway

£133,500 OFFERS



SHORT HEATH WOODSIDE WAY

- ★ Pleasant semi detached property in convenient location
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- ★ Refitted kitchen in oven, hob and patio
- ★ Refitted bathroom and white suite
- ★ Rear garden with wooden views
- ★ Block paved driveway
- ★ Viewing essential

WAS £124,995 NOW £119,950



WILLENHALL RAVENSCROFT ROAD

- ★ Spacious first floor flat in popular location
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Refitted kitchen with appliances
- ★ Fitted bathroom with white suite and shower
- ★ Internal viewing recommended

£74,995 OFFERS



WILLENHALL ERNEST CLARK CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE

- ★ Pleasant town house style property in popular location
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Part double glazed windows
- ★ Gas warm air central heating
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Ideal first time buyers or a young family
- ★ No related chain

£89,950 OFFERS NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL NOOSE LANE

- ★ Three bedroom end town house style property
- ★ Gas warm air central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Rear garden
- ★ Lounge and dining kitchen
- ★ Downstairs wc
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Majority UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Ideal first time buy or buy to let

£79,995 No Chain



WILLENHALL NEWLANDS CLOSE

- ★ Pleasant first floor maisonette
- ★ Popular and convenient location
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Cul-de-sac position
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ UPVC double glazing
- ★ 13ft rear lounge
- ★ Bathroom with shower
- ★ Garage in block to the side

£74,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL BRUNSLow CLOSE

- ★ Pleasant first floor maisonette in convenient location
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- ★ Refitted kitchen with white suite and shower
- ★ Refitted bathroom
- ★ Refitted kitchen
- ★ Refitted bathroom
- ★ Refitted kitchen
- ★ Refitted bathroom

£67,950 OFFERS



WILLENHALL MARLOWE DRIVE

- ★ Beautifully presented one bedroom ground floor flat
- ★ Refitted kitchen with integrated oven, hob & extractor
- ★ Refitted bathroom with full height tiling and double shower cubicle
- ★ Gas central heating UPVC double glazing Enclosed rear garden
- ★ Internal viewing recommended

Was £82,500 Now £79,995



WILLENHALL SHERLOCK CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE

- ★ Pleasant town house style property in popular location
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Part double glazed windows
- ★ Gas warm air central heating
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Ideal first time buyers or a young family
- ★ No related chain

£89,950 OFFERS



BENTLEY WILKES AVENUE

- ★ Spacious three bedroom semi detached property
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Fitted kitchen in oven and hob
- ★ Conservatory/sun room
- ★ Utility room/outside wc
- ★ Driveway to the rear
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Majority UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Ideal first time buy or buy to let

Was £119,950 Now £114,995



NEW INVENTION LICHFIELD ROAD

- ★ Considerably improved first floor detached property
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Double glazed windows
- ★ Newly refitted kitchen
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Refitted kitchen in oven, hob and refrigerator
- ★ Refitted bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Car port and steps of road parking, No Chain

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £165,000



SHORT HEATH, WILLENHALL THE COPPICE

- ★ Traditional style detached bungalow in cul-de-sac position
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- ★ Double glazing
- ★ Lounge and dining room
- ★ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Generous established rear garden
- ★ Viewing essential

£150,995 NO CHAIN



COPPICE FARM ESTATE, WILLENHALL HEBDEN GROVE

- ★ Spacious modern style detached residence
- ★ Four bedrooms
- ★ En-suite shower room
- ★ Lounge and dining room
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Through reception hall
- ★ Garage and block paved driveway
- ★ Refitted bathroom

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Banks Street, Willenhall Willenhall



EXCELLENT SIZE/PRICE **PRESTIGIOUS*** A modern 3 bedroom detached family home on the sought after Banks Street. This splendid and spacious property has the benefit of double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The property comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, 3 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and off road parking. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £199,950**

Dillways Lane, Willenhall Willenhall



NEW
A three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. This improved property comprises, reception hall, fitted kitchen, spacious lounge/dining room, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and off road parking. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £109,995**

Angli Close, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton Wolverhampton



An immaculately presented, three bedroom detached property having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This splendid property further comprises reception hallway, guest W.C., lounge, fitted kitchen, integrated garage, first floor bathroom, three bedrooms, front & rear gardens and off road parking to the front. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £154,950**

Ashburn Grove, Kingsfisher, Willenhall Willenhall



KOPEN TO OFFERS A modern 3 bedroom semi detached family home in a popular estate having the benefit of NO UPWARD CHAIN, gas central heating and double glazing. Located in a quiet cul-de-sac the property briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens and off road parking. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £115,000**

Bloxwich Road South, Willenhall Willenhall



An extended and well presented end of terrace 2 bedroom plus attic room used as 3rd bedroom family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The property further comprises, lounge, dining room, extended fitted kitchen, cellar, 2 double bedrooms, attic room, family bathroom with additional shower cubicle and rear garden. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £79,995**

Rosewood Drive, Coppice Farm, Willenhall Willenhall



A three bedroom modern semi detached family home in the sought after Coppice Farm estate having the benefit of mainly UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and quiet cul-de-sac location. This lovely property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, no fitted kitchen drive 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, off road parking and garage. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £141,995**

Clothier Street, Willenhall Willenhall



Modern 3 bedroom detached house, central heating & double glazing, hall, guest wc, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom, front & rear gardens, garage. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £149,950**

Hillman Drive, Oakham, Dudley Dudley



4 Bedroom detached house, sought after cul-de-sac, no chain, see VIRTUAL TOUR, 180 lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted Shaker style oak kitchen with integrated appliances, master bed with en-suite & fitted Shaper wardrobe, luxury family bathroom, 6th car drive, garage, no chain, central heating, double glazing, double drive, reception hall, paved driveway, carport, views recommended. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £249,950**

Hill Street, Essington Essington



NEW
A three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of no upward chain, double glazing and gas central heating. This ideal family home further comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with additional shower cubicle, off road parking, detached garage now converted into utility room and good sized rear garden. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £129,995**

Lowe Avenue, Dalston Dalston



NEW
Well presented 3 BEDROOM terrace house, central heating, double glazing, no upward chain, hall, lounge, fitted dining kitchen, bathroom, front drive & south facing garden. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £75,000**

Stow Heath Lane, Wolverhampton Wolverhampton



NEW
3 BEDROOM semi-detached bungalow overlooking East Park, benefiting from gas central heating & upvc double glazing & offering no upward chain. Further comprising entrance porch, hall, lounge with feature fireplace, breakfast kitchen, bathroom, front drive & rear garden. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £110,000**

Winsor Avenue, Hednesford, Cannock Cannock



A modern one bedroom bungalow, conveniently situated in a quiet location close to Hednesford town centre. This property further comprises, front porch, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, one bedroom, conservatory, garden to the front and rear, driveway and a garage. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £129,950**

Archer Road, Leamore Leamore



Good sized well presented and improved with further potential for extensions and possible parking at rear (subject to planning permission). Three bedrooms and two bathrooms having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The property briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, utility room, double shower, front and rear gardens with access to vehicles. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £144,995**

Broad Lane, Essington Essington



MUST BE VIEWED A good sized detached bungalow on a nice landscaped having the benefit of sought after location, double glazing and gas central heating. This splendid property further comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen drive, 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom, utility room, front and rear garden, block paved driveway for several vehicles and garage. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £229,950**

Southwick Place, Bilston Bilston



A 3 bedroom end of terrace family home having the benefit of double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. On a good sized corner plot in a quiet cul-de-sac location the property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, guest W.C., utility room, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, separate W.C., front and rear gardens and off road parking. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £89,950**

Stafford Road, Bloxwich Bloxwich



A 4 bedroom detached house located on a nice landscaped having the benefit of sought after location, double glazing and gas central heating. This splendid property further comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen drive, 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom, utility room, front and rear garden, block paved driveway for several vehicles and garage. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £339,950**

Memorial Close, Willenhall Willenhall



Well presented modern 3 bedroom detached house, central heating & double glazing, hall, lounge, fitted kitchen diner, fitted bathroom, garage, double drive, front & rear gardens. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £165,000**

Terrace Villas, Walsall Street, Darlaston Darlaston



MUST BE VIEWED An improved, extended and upgraded 3 bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of gas central heating, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This property further comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen drive, 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom, utility room, front and rear garden, block paved driveway for several vehicles and garage. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £214,995**

Clothier Street, Willenhall Willenhall



A refurbished and upgraded 3 bedroom end of terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. This splendid property further comprises, lounge with feature fireplace, re-fitted kitchen drive, 3 bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, front and rear gardens, off road parking to rear garden with access to vehicles. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £99,950**

Treetops Drive, Willenhall Willenhall



A three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of no upward chain, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, dining room, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, off road parking to rear garden with access to vehicles. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £129,995**

Cumberland Road, Bilston Bilston



A 3 bedroom detached residence, located on an ever popular estate which benefits from upvc double glazing, gas central heating and No Upward Chain. Briefly Comprising: Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, 14 New Road, Willenhall, WV13 2BG 01902 633323 before exchange of contracts. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £129,995**

Hall Street East, Darlaston Darlaston



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Forge Road, Wednesbury Wednesbury



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Latham Road, Off Stow Heath Lane, Wolverhampton Wolverhampton



A very well presented, upgraded and improved 3 bedroom detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and quiet location. This splendid property further comprises, reception hall, spacious lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, conservatory, side converted property, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, off road parking and garage. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £134,995**

Langmead Close, Briansleigh, Walsall Walsall



A well presented three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of no upward chain, double glazing and gas central heating. The property further comprises, reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, conservatory, fitted kitchen drive, fitted bathroom with shower, three bedrooms with fitted wardrobes, off road parking, garage and front & rear gardens. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £128,995**

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Paul Dubberley & Co. are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £42,500 for 8a Hylstone Crescent. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Paul Dubberley & Co. 14 New Road, Willenhall, WV13 2BG 01902 633323 before exchange of contracts. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £44,950**

Fenners Close, Park Hall, Wolverhampton Wolverhampton



MUST BE VIEWED **NO UPWARD CHAIN** A 4 bedroom detached house, extended and improved with the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This property further comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen drive, 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom, utility room, front and rear garden, block paved driveway for several vehicles and garage. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £169,995**

Garrington Street, Darlaston Darlaston



• An Extended 5 Bedroom Semi Detached
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Peach Avenue, Darlaston Darlaston



A mostly double glazed 3 bedroom semi detached house, having the benefit of gas central heating. The property is located in a cul-de-sac location and has accommodation to comprise a reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, family bathroom suite, sizeable enclosed rear garden and a paved forecourt. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 0121 505 3533 £99,995**

Eldon Street, Darlaston Darlaston



A detached 3 bedroom detached bungalow having the benefit of no upward chain, electric central heating and part double glazing. Located in a private driveway for just 2 properties this unique property briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, off road parking and garage. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £160,000**

Bure Grove, Riverport, Willenhall Willenhall



A well presented two bedroom modern terrace property having the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. Located in a pleasant cul-de-sac on the sought after Riverport estate this attractive property briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, fitted kitchen drive 2 bedrooms (master with en-suite shower room), family bathroom, rear garden and off road parking. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £107,500**

Noose Lane, Willenhall Willenhall



A well presented 2 bedroom end of terrace property having the benefit of a fitted intruder alarm, mainly UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. Ideal for landlords or first time buyer the property further comprises, reception hall, fitted kitchen, lounge with French doors, 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, off road parking and garage. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £94,000**

Almond Avenue, Bentley, Walsall Walsall



An upgraded and refurbished three bedroom middle floor flat having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. This spacious property further comprises, reception hall, lounge with balcony, re-fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms (bedroom 3 currently used as dining room), re-fitted bathroom and communal gardens and parking. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £81,995**

Marden Close, Willenhall Willenhall



MUST BE VIEWED An improved, refurbished and upgraded 3 bedroom detached family home in a sought after estate having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. Located in a quiet cul-de-sac the property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen, utility room, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, rear garden block paved driveway and garage. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £149,995**

Uplands Avenue, Willenhall Willenhall



3 BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW, benefiting from central heating, partial double glazing & no upward chain. Further comprising entrance porch, hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, verandah, garage, garden. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £135,000**

Darvel Road, Willenhall Willenhall



REFURBISHED AND IMPROVED Three bedroom extended detached family home having the benefit of fitted intruder alarm, double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The well maintained property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, kitchen drive, utility room, three bedrooms, re-fitted family bathroom with shower, garage, off road parking for 3 vehicles and rear garden. **OFFERS AROUND: Viewing: 01902 633323 £142,500**

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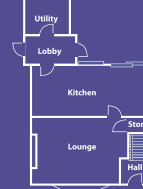
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Viewing 4th, 20th May at 2.00pm and 14th May at 12.00pm

**LOT 1**

A unique opportunity to purchase a block of three virtually identical terraced properties as an investment opportunity set on a good size plot with possible redevelopment potential and ample off street parking. The three properties all benefit from double glazing and gas central heating and comprise: Lounge, inner hallway, living room, rear lobby, bathroom, two bedrooms, off street parking and rear garden.

GUIDE PRICE: £150,000-£160,000

3 Trees Road, Walsall

Viewing: 10th and 19th May at 11.30am

**LOT**

This traditionally styled semi detached residence is situated in this popular residential area and benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing and is in need of improvement and modernisation. Constructed of brick under a pitch tiled roof the property is set back from the road behind a small fore garden and comprises: Enclosed porch, reception hall, front living room, rear lounge, kitchen, guest wc, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, fore and rear garden.

GUIDE PRICE: £80,000-£90,000

55 Broadstone Avenue, Walsall

Viewing: 7th, 11th and 20th May at 10am

**LOT 3**

GUIDE PRICE: £80,000-£90,000

Traditional styled semi detached: Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, wc, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, fore and rear gardens.

94 Gipsy Lane, Willenhall

Viewing: 23rd May at 2.30pm and 5th and 14th May at 10.30am

**LOT 4**

This traditionally styled brick and tile double fronted detached bungalow with gas fired central heating offers an ideal opportunity with development potential with large garage/workshop to side. Situated close to Willenhall centre the property comprises reception hall, lounge, two bedrooms, kitchen, refitted bathroom. Outside: Workshop, fore and rear gardens.

GUIDE PRICE: £60,000-£70,000

11a Stafford Road, Bloxwich

Viewing 7th, 11th and 20th May at 11am

**LOT 5**

This modern link detached bungalow residence is situated within a short distance of Bloxwich town centre with shopping, banking and other facilities available. Offering deceptively spacious accommodation, the property needs to be viewed internally to be fully appreciated and boasts the benefit of full gas fired central heating together with uPVC double glazing. Constructed of brick under a pitch tiled roof the former accommodation comprises the following: Enclosed porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, utility/sun room, refitted ground floor bathroom, three bedrooms, first floor bathroom, garage, driveway and rear garden.

GUIDE PRICE: £120,000-£130,000

385 Cannock Road, Cannock

Viewing: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers

**LOT 6**

GUIDE PRICE: £80,000 Plus

Traditional semi detached property: Hallway, lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, currently let on a periodic AST.

Land adjacent to 87 Prince Street, Walsall**LOT 7**

GUIDE PRICE: £5,000-£10,000

Amenity land suitable for possible car park use, subject to any planning permission.

94 Longwood Road, Aldridge

Viewing: Strictly by appointment with the Auctioneers

**LOT 8**

GUIDE PRICE: £300,000-£330,000

This freehold, highly deceptive truly spacious family home enjoys views over open countryside to the rear and has substantial additional paddock. The accommodation over three floors comprises: Enclosed porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom/wc, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, office/bedroom four, loft, garage, fore and rear garden, paddock.

37 The Grove, Walsall

Viewing: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers

**LOT 9**

GUIDE PRICE: £70,000-£80,000

This semi detached property has double glazing and gas fired central heating and is situated in the present location overlooking the green. Ideally suited to the needs of a first time buyer or investor. The property comprises: Reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen opening into uPVC conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, off street parking and rear garden.

29 Highgate Road, Walsall

Viewing: 10th and 19th May at 12pm

**LOT 10**

This traditionally styled brick and tile Victorian mid terraced residence offers spacious well planned accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing. Situated in a highly regarded residential area the property offers scope for further improvement and comprises: Enclosed porch, entrance hall, dining room, breakfast room, kitchen, utility room/wc, four bedrooms, bathroom, small foregarden, enclosed rear garden.

GUIDE PRICE:
£110,000-£130,000

21 Lonsdale Road, Walsall

Viewing 10th and 19th May at 11.00am

**LOT**

GUIDE PRICE: £170,000-£190,000

This traditionally styled double fronted semi detached property is situated in one of South Walsall's most prestigious residential areas. Boasting the benefit of gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing the property is set back from the road behind a neat foregarden flanked by a block paved driveway leading to garage. The interior accommodation, which is well appointed and maintained, comprises of the following: Entrance hall, guest wc, lounge, dining room, kitchen, garage, utility, three bedrooms, fore and rear gardens with off street parking.

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The property sits in a very attractive cul-de-sac and thus avoids through traffic.

Sitting behind a neatly laid out foregarden, the property is approached via a block paved driveway providing useful off-road

parking for two larger family cars, with access to the attached 33ft 3in utility garage.

To the rear is an excellently maintained, sunken paved garden, which does not back on to any residential properties.

It is convenient for a local range of amenities, including excellent primary schooling within half a mile radius and Wolverhampton city centre within two miles.

The agent says viewing is essential to fully appreciate the accommodation on offer.

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Traditional Victorian mid terraced residence situated in a quiet residential area, ideal for a first time buyer or investor. The well appointed gas centrally heated and part double glazed accommodation needs to be viewed to appreciate the following dining room, lounge, inner hallway, fitted kitchen, breakfast room, two double bedrooms, bathroom with shower, fore and neat private enclosed rear gardens

LOT 12

GUIDE PRICE £75,000 - £85,000

33 Church Street, Bloxwich

Viewing: 7th, 11th and 20th May at 10.30 am

LOT 13

GUIDE PRICE: £60,000 - £70,000

40 Parklands Gardens, Walsall

Viewing: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers

LOT 14

GUIDE PRICE: £58,000 - £63,000

52 Wolverhampton Road West, Walsall

Viewing: 23rd May at 3pm 5th & 14th May at 11am

LOT 15

GUIDE PRICE: £150,000 - £160,000

2 Moat Farm Way, Pelsall

Viewing: 7th, 11th and 20th May at 11.30 am

LOT 17

GUIDE PRICE: £155,000 - £175,000

54 Holly Lane, Smethwick

Viewing: 3rd, 11th and 19th May at 2 pm

LOT 16

GUIDE PRICE: £135,000 - £155,000

This traditionally styled Victorian double fronted mid terraced residence offers truly spacious, well planned accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating. The property comprises: Enclosed porch, reception hall, lounge, dining area, living room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, off street parking, fore and rear gardens

64 Wolverhampton Street, Darlaston

Viewing: 23rd May at 2 pm, 5th and 14th May at 10 am

LOT 18

GUIDE PRICE: £40,000 - £50,000

17 Norman Road, Walsall

Viewing: 10th and 19th May at 10.00 am

LOT 19

GUIDE PRICE: £180,000 - £200,000

13 Edinburgh Road, Walsall

Viewing: 10th and 19th May at 10.30 am

LOT 20

GUIDE PRICE: £230,000 - £250,000

This traditionally styled brick and tile detached dwelling house is set on a good plot in a popular and sought after residential area. With gas fired central heating and some double glazing the property offers tremendous scope for further improvement providing: Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate wc, double garage, driveway, fore and rear gardens

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Archways

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The open plan kitchen dining area is spacious with patio doors opening to the rear garden and has been fitted with a range of fitted cupboards and a wine rack. There are also integrated appliances including a four-ring gas

hob, electric oven with hood and extractor, display shelving and stainless steel inset sink.

Once upstairs, the two bedrooms measure 12ft 1in x 12ft 1in and 12ft x 9ft 5in respectively and are located to the front and rear.

In the master bedroom there are fitted wardrobes and both bedrooms include a double-glazed window and radiator. To the rear, the bathroom has been reappointed to include a stylish white suite with shower, screen and tiled floor.

Outside, the rear garden is well maintained with hedges, fencing, a lawn with a garden shed and decked patio.

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TO CELEBRATE its new ownership, iconic British sports car marque Caterham Cars will build a limited run of Team Lotus Special Edition Sevens.

Just 25 of the Team Lotus upgrade packages, which can be applied to any variant up to the top-of-the-range 263bhp, 150mph Superlight R500, will be built in the UK, with the same number allocated to the company's thriving export markets.

For an additional £3,000 over the price of your chosen car, the Sevens will be specially liveried in the famous green and yellow colours of Lotus and will come with bespoke

Team Lotus additions. Included in the upgrade package will be an invitation to a customised tour of the Team Lotus F1 factory in Hingham, Norfolk.

As custodians of Colin Chapman's original 50s concept for the Seven since 1973, Caterham Cars' current product range remains true to Chapman's philosophy of lightweight, minimalist sports cars.

Cockpit

Outside, the cars will be coated in a Team Lotus-inspired livery and the theme continues in the cockpit, with a plaque carrying the signatures of Team Lotus F1 drivers, Jarno Trulli and Heikki Kovalainen.

Owners will also receive a Seven history book signed by chief designer, Mike Gascoyne.

Caterham managing director, Ansar Ali, said: "Caterham Cars is starting an exciting and hugely important chapter, so it's entirely fitting that we celebrate our opportunity to take Colin Chapman's 'less is more' philosophy global, with this special car."

"Owners of the Special Edition Sevens will have not only a fabulous British sports car, but a genuine piece of automotive history in their garage."

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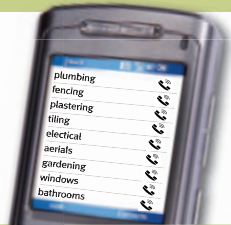
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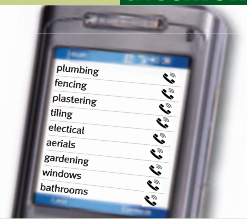
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Domination of the game is not enough for Walsall RUGBY

OLD HALESONIANS 32 WALSALL 29

Walsall dominated this Midlands One West match from start to finish and had worked hard to score four good tries.

But on the few occasions their Worcester-shire opponents gained possession, they would immediately make good ground through a very brittle Walsall defence. The hosts scored five tries, with virtually every one courtesy of weak Walsall tackling.

The pattern of the match was set in the third minute as the visitors did well to take the opposition ball at a scrum in the Old Hales 22. But, as so often from then on, the ball was

spilled and the hosts gained possession. A couple of crucial tackles were missed and winger Sutherland ran in a try.

Ten minutes later and Walsall were rewarded for their continued dominance when prop forward Pete Fitzgerald picked up a loose ball and set off on a 40 metre try-scoring run. Matt Wood converted it and another three minutes later. The Walsall outside half also scored the try.

But it wasn't long before the hosts were in the lead. They scored two tries in four minutes. Walsall failed to make their tackles and found themselves 15-14 down. This soon

became 18-14 as Hooper was eventually successful with one of his kicks.

The visitors, however, continued to monopolise possession and they regained the lead just before half time, as lock forward Nick Field drove over from close range. Another superb conversion kick by Wood gave his team a 21-18 half time lead.

This became 26-18 after just two minutes of the restart thanks to Tierney and Simpson. Some good handling saw winger Roger Weston and Mould exchange passes before the full back dived over in the corner.

The hosts then secured possession and

were able to break through the attempted tackles for a score near the posts.

Another nightmare moment for Walsall saw the hosts regain the lead with about 15 minutes remaining. The initial attack looked very promising for the visitors as Wootton, Simpson and Pittaway covered over 50 metres before the latter was tackled just 10 metres from the try line. But the ball went loose and was scooped up by the speedy Sutherland, his 80 metre run resulted in a try.

Hooper's conversion made it 32-26. A penalty by the league's top kicker Matt Wood, reduced the deficit to just three points.

So Walsall finish their season with yet another narrow defeat.

Walsall 35 DKingswinford U-16s 18

Walsall completed their season with a game under lights to celebrate being county champions for the fourth successive year. Although Walsall were on top for most of the game Dudley never gave up and scored a good try with the last play of the game.

Connor McGuirk(2), Jon Duckett(2), Philip Winter, Rhys Barry and Kristian Campbell all scored tries But it was a good performance by all the players to bring an end to yet another successful season.

CRICKET

Bloxwich win game in the 2nd innings

BLOXWICH 1ST 278-6 BEAT WIGHTWICK & FINCHFIELD 275-3

Bloxwich were on home turf again for the second time this season, with first team captain D. King winning the toss and opting to field.

They had a slow but steady pace in the field; with openers Aaron Alcock and Ashley Worgan keeping the runs down to 53 for 1 wicket off 12 over's in their first spell.

There was more good bowling in the field with a welcome return from Jeremy Scott who with the help of Skipper Danny King, Thom Fellows, Andrew McAree, John Darby and Aditya Rai got Wightwick & Finchfield's innings to 275 runs for 3 wickets off 48 over's when they declared.

The second innings started shaky for Bloxwich as they lost Andrew McAree (11), Danny King (0) Aditya Rai (5) and Aaron Alcock (13) early from the crease. However no one was disheartened, with the support of Jeremy Scott (64), John Darby (22) and Lee Bates (15) and Thom Fellows who knocked an incredible 123 runs, his first ton for the club, to secure Bloxwich their first win of the season.

So at the end of an exciting day of ups and downs in the field and batting, Bloxwich came away with a win, 278 runs for 6 wickets off 47 over's.

WOLVERHAMPTON 4TH XI 306-8 BEAT BLOXWICH 2ND XI 305-7 BY 2 WICKETS

Having got stuck in the traffic on route to Wolverhampton the day was to start and end on a frustrating note for visitors Bloxwich.

On being asked to bat, Bloxwich lost a couple of early wickets, however this did little to slow the scoring rate as the in-form Martin Wootton together with stalwart opener Kelton Scott went about the repair job with gusto, Wotton taking a particular fancy the slow bowling options of the home attack.

Indeed, the pair were to put on a partnership of 164 which was only broken by Wootton who had hit a sparkling (111) was caught attempting to find the ropes again.

Scott looked to maintain the scoring rate and in doing so lost his off stump having complied a well made (59).

In the push for quick runs in the last 15 overs, Lee Waltham (27), improving all rounder Si Langston (23 not out) and James Lewis (17 not out) all scored important runs, the innings closing on 305-7.

In reply, the hosts made their intentions clear from the off with 28 runs coming from the first 2 overs.

However, Lewis and Langston did apply some control from then on and at 108-4 at drinks the game seemed well in control for the visitors, however with dropped catches mounting and with opener James Turner at the crease in partnership with Greg Humphreyson they too took a similar liking to the visitors slow bowling, Humphreyson hitting 4 huge sixes on route to a quick-fire (60).

When he was bowled, it was left to Turner (133) together with important contributions from the lower order to get the hosts home with 2 balls and 2 wickets to spare.

Lewis finishing with (3-74), Langston (2-80) and young Adam Lewis (2-56).

RUSHALL OLYMPIC

Olympic celebrating play-off final victory

RUSHALL 2 GRANTHAM TOWN 0

Rushall Olympic's promotion winners have been promised a chance to establish the club in the Evo-Stik Premier Division.

Lei Brown and Matt Lewis struck second-half goals to defeat Grantham Town in yesterday's First Division South play-off final at Dales Lane.

Manager Neil Kitching saluted the effort of his players – even if he did have to tone down his own celebrations.

"I start a new job today so I won't be partying like the lads and the committee will," said Kitching, who works as a sales manager.

"I knew the way we had to play to get us promoted but it's all right knowing it, it's putting that into practice and making sure the players do it and they've done it to a tee. I can't fault any of them, they have been superb."

"We had to make changes last summer because of the budget but the players have done everything we have asked of them."

"You do start thinking about where we will be going next year, the likes of Chester, FC United of Manchester and Chasetown. We will enjoy this for a bit and then look at what we need for next season in a couple of weeks."

Pressure

"But whatever we decide to do, every one of those players that has been involved this season and are still with me will get a shout at the next level."

Two goals in six minutes proved enough for the Pics, who had been forced to withstand plenty of first-half pressure.

Brown broke the deadlock on 56 minutes when he diverted a Lewis shot past keeper Rob Murray from close range.

Former Leamington striker Lewis took his tally to 17 goals from 15 games with his side's second on 62 minutes.

The frontman played a neat one-two with striker partner Ahmed Obeng before picking his spot past Murray with a side-foot finish.

Boss Kitching added: "Signing Matty was huge for us. He got us into the play-offs and scored. When you make a signing like that and it comes off it carries you through."

After the break the hosts got on top and, aside from a Gemmell save from McGhee, their two-goal advantage never looked under threat.

"It was always going to be a little bit of quality that won it and I felt we had a bit more," said Kitching.



Rushall celebrate after their play-off final victory against Grantham Town.

Picture: Tony Marsh

PELSALL VILLA

One goal is enough to create feeling of deja vu for Pelsall

PELSALL VILLA 0 WALSALL WOOD 1

Just like the league encounter at Oak Park in March one goal was enough to give Wood the three points and a double over their nearest neighbours.

A strong swirling wind made life difficult for both sides at the start with misplaced or over-hit passes the order of the day. On 18 minutes Tom Howard intercepted a ball on halfway before releasing Lewis Taylor-Boyce through the centre of the Villa defence, his low drive saved at full stretch by keeper Chris Collins.

This stung Villa into life and Mitchell Green raced clear on the left, his ball beyond the far post found

Mark Woodbridge whose shot back across goal cannoned off a defender, was pushed out by keeper Adam Dennant straight to Hamilton Nunda who fired a first time effort high over the bar from close in.

Mark Bandurak powered through the centre, played a 1-2 with Ryan Allmark before trying to lob the advancing Collins, the keeper making the save look very easy.

Like the first half the second took time to burst into life, Taylor-Boyce on 56 minutes playing a ball over the top of the Villa defence only for Collins to race from his line to save bravely at the feet of Bandurak.

It took Villa until 75 minutes to

pressure the Wood goal, Ryan Williams fired in a free kick from wide on the left to the far post and Daniel Hall could only just get the top of his head to the ball.

A quickly taken free kick put Allmark racing in on goal but under pressure from Aaron Simpson and facing Collins racing from his line he sliced his shot out for a throw in. Three minutes later came the breakthrough, Taylor-Boyce latching on to a ball through the middle and calmly slotting the ball past the advancing keeper Phillips and Craig Timmins chased back but were unable to stop the ball crossing the line.

Bill Shaw

BLOXWICH UTD

Striker Wilkes on form

BLOXWICH 3 DUDLEY 0

Red Lions striker Alan Wilkes' good form in front of goal continued as he netted another two goals to make it six in two games at home to Dudley.

Wilkes opened the scoring in the 31st minute when he raced on to a through ball from Carl Morris and volleyed past the keeper.

Dudley's best chance of the game came in the 58th minute but as they failed to capitalise a quick counter attack by the home side saw Leon Taylor pick out Edwards who slotted the ball past the visitors' keeper to make it 2-0.

Wilkes scored the final goal from a penalty.

BEWLEY TOWN 3 BLOXWICH UNITED 5

Alan Wilkes led the way for Bloxwich as he netted after just five minutes before Bewdley pulled a goal back in the 20th minute.

Wilkes put Bloxwich back three minutes later before Carl Morris scored from a tight angle to make it three.

Bewdley threatened to get back in the game with a couple of goals in the second half after Wilkes had netted his hat-trick before he completed the scoring in the 83rd minute.

BLOXWICH UTD 0 HATH HAYES 2

Hayes took the lead midway through the first half when a long ball over the top was latched on to by their forward who tucked the ball past the keeper.

Kyle Holmes missed a couple of good chances to equalise in the second half before the visitors made it 2-0 late in the game.

Bill Shaw is now putting down his pen after 11 years reporting from Pelsall Villa and Walsall Wood. The Walsall Chronicle would like to thank him for his regular contributions over the seasons and wish him well for the future.

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SADDLERS' FUTURE DOWN TO THE WIRE

Avoiding fall is driving us, says Butler

Skipper Andy Butler has admitted saving Walsall knowing a win could prove the difference between survival and relegation.

The defender was primed for the visit of Charlton knowing a win could prove the difference between survival and relegation.

The Saddlers are a point above the League One drop zone and could relegate Bristol Rovers and Dagenham with a win – should they lose against Sheffield Wednesday and Carlisle respectively.

And Butler, one of Walsall's outstanding performers this term, reckons the Great Escape would be his biggest triumph.

"It would be my best achievement – it would be brilliant to lead the team out against Southampton knowing we're safe," said the 27-year-old.

"It would be better than promotion because of where we were in the league. To stay in this division would be fantastic for the club, the fans and everyone involved with Walsall.

"It would be unbelievable to keep us up. From where we were at the beginning of the year it has been amazing for the management and players to prove how good they really are."

Fear

"We have not had the best of seasons obviously – you can tell that by where we are – but since I have been here the lads have been excellent.

"When I first turned up I couldn't believe where we were but to see the lads now picking up results like the ones against Bristol and Hartlepool shows how good a team we are."

It is the dread of having to go to the likes of Crawley and Morecambe next term which is driving Butler on. He said: "That fear spurs me on. People have to realise players are playing for their careers and their futures.

"Everyone knows the higher you are the more recognition you get. The players have to motivate themselves to stay in this division and get as high as they can in their careers.

"We need to win but if every team loses every game until the end of the season and it stays this way I am happy with that – just as long as we are fifth bottom."

● Richard Taundry has revealed his pride in being part of Walsall's Great Escape bid. The boyhood Saddler is desperate to help his team avoid the drop after they have come back from the dead.

Taundry said he knows he's part of a special squad after their monumental efforts of the last few months.

"I wouldn't say it's great to help the club try to stay up because of our position but to be part of it is a big privilege for me," he said.

"It's a massive time of year for the club so to be part of it is honour. It's not a nice situation to be in but to be part of the team helping the club stay up would be a big thing."

EVOSTIK LEAGUE 1

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Brighton	45	17	4	2	54	22	11
Southampton	44	15	4	3	41	12	11
Huddersfield	45	12	7	3	34	17	13
Peterborough	45	14	5	3	64	40	8
MK Dons	45	14	5	4	35	23	8
Bournemouth	45	13	5	4	45	22	6
Leyton Orient	45	12	6	5	37	25	6
Exeter	45	12	5	6	40	31	7
Richdale	45	9	8	6	36	30	8
Barnet	45	9	5	9	24	28	8
Carlisle	45	9	7	6	34	24	7
Colchester	45	11	7	4	36	29	4
Sheffield Wed	45	10	5	7	37	27	6
Charlton	45	10	5	7	29	29	5
Tranmere	45	9	4	9	28	25	6
Oldham	45	7	9	6	28	29	6
Yeovil	45	8	6	9	27	30	7
Hartlepool	45	9	6	8	32	32	6
Notts County	45	9	6	8	32	32	6
WALSALL	45	9	3	11	33	36	3
Dagenham	45	8	6	9	28	27	4
Bristol Rovers	45	6	7	10	24	35	5
Plymouth	44	9	4	8	25	26	6
Swindon	45	5	9	9	20	27	3

*Plymouth deducted 10 points for going into administration

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WALSALL 2 CHARLTON 0

So it comes down to this. One game and one final shot at glory. For the majority of the season Walsall have languished in the bottom four, seemingly without hope, as they fought what many felt was a losing battle.

At Southampton on Saturday they can emerge bloodied and bruised – but victorious. Like Monty Python's Black Knight the tenacious Saddlers have refused to yield and every defeat which could have killed them was "but a scratch".

It has gone down to the wire. And they deserve a chance to prove themselves one last time. Victory against Charlton on Saturday kept them fifth bottom of League One, a point ahead of Dagenham and on the brink of righting the wrongs of this season.

There's no point "reminiscing" about the campaign between August and January – that's gone. What has happened since January 4 has ensured it is about to be forgotten. It's as if the first hellish months of the season were a preamble to the main event.

Should Walsall complete their Houdini act then that is what they will be remembered for. A team of lionhearts who pulled themselves back from the brink after being written off.

One of the few who refused to buckle was boss Dean Smith – and now the team need to prove their manager right. He came in with the side eight points from the safety line and has led them to the brink of one of the stories of the season.

They fought for him on Saturday to claim a priceless win and must go again. Smith may have only been in charge for 24 games but should the "Great Escape" be completed it will be his legacy.

Impressive

To do it with a backdrop of an absent chairman, fan unrest, management changes and the – ongoing – controversial sale of the Banks's Stadium make the potential success more impressive.

Fans talk about the achievements of Ray Graydon in 1999 and 2001, and the 4-1 conquering of Albion in 2003 but survival in 2011 would equal them.

Saturday's victory sparked jubilant scenes at the Banks's as supporters parted. But if Walsall are to ensure those celebrations aren't premature they will need to complete a job four months in the making.

The final game cannot be more daunting – Southampton will need something to mathematically confirm their promotion.

It is easy to discount Dagenham at Peterborough, just as easy as it is to dismiss Walsall's chances at St Mary's, but there will be some nervy moments at both grounds on Saturday. The fear is Posh will ease off ahead of the play-offs.

Throw Notts County at home to Brighton into the mix and there is a three-way race for survival. The heat is on Dagenham to better Walsall's result so the Saddlers go to St Mary's with a degree of freedom. It is a scenario which would have been taken a few months ago and one which was set-up by Saturday's superb victory.

It completed an impressive double over the Addicks – following December's 1-0 win at The Valley – after Will Grigg fired in the first in 33 minutes. It owed much to a relentless approach from the Saddlers, although Paul Benson should have done better than to plant a header on to the post after just two minutes.

Jordan Cook, Mare Laird and the excellent Jon Macken all tested Rob Elliot before Grigg finally beat the overworked keeper. Marshalled by the outstanding Andy Butler and composed Oliver Lancashire, the Saddlers contained Charlton.

But with the midfield so dominant and the electrifying Cook – who rattled the bar from 30 yards – scaring the Addicks silly, the Saddlers felt secure. It was Cook who was at the heart of the 78th minute clincher when he found Macken, whose shot was saved and Julian Gray slid in the rebound.



Saddlers' Andy Butler going head to head with Charlton's Paul Benson.



Walsall's Julian Gray holds off Charlton's Thierry Racon during the clash at the Banks's stadium.



Mark Laird in the thick of it during Walsall's match against Charlton.



Richard Taundry fights for the ball with Thierry Racon.

Pics enjoying the glory

Promotion-winning boss Neil Kitching has vowed his Rushall Olympic heroes will aim for more than Premier Division survival.

The Pics will play in the third tier of non-league football for the first time next season alongside Stafford Rangers and Chasetown.

Kitching's men went up with a 2-0 Evo-Stik First Division South play-off final success against Grantham Town at Dales Lane yesterday. Kitching wants Olympic to follow the example

of Chasetown, who ended their first campaign in the Evo-Stik Premier as a top-half side.

"We are going up to have a right good go," said Kitching.

"Chasetown went up and were in with a shout of the play-offs with a few games to go.

"People say try and survive but that's not what I'm about, it's not what (assistant manager) Nick Amos is about or (coach) Ian Cooper."

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Boathouse ties up title

Rushall Boathouse FC have been crowned Lichfield and District League Division 3 Champions in only their second season together.

They won it going on a 19-game winning streak and keeping 13 clean sheets.

Manager John Allport said: "After last season we were just hoping for an improvement but all the lads have pulled together and been tremendous all season, they deserve it."

The team, who play their home

games at Aldridge Airport, will be competing in Lichfield and District League Division 2 next season where they are hoping to hold their own against better opposition.

They are currently looking for a sponsor for the 2011/12 season to help with costs.

If you are interested in helping the club out you can contact them by visiting www.clubwebsite.co.uk/rushall-boathouse and click on where the contact club option is displayed.



Back row, from left: Ste Gilkes, Andy Vaulkes, Joe Hopkins, Stuart Terry, Aden Marsh, Matthew McCormack, Mark Grattan and manager John Allport. Front, from left: Nathan Bennett, Richard Allmark, Stu Smith, Scott Emery, James Hendron, Ashley Brown, Richard Upton and Ste "Leo" Leary